

MEMORANDUM:

TO: MAYOR MUNSON
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: BONNIE HUGHES

SUBJECT: FARMER'S MARKET LOCATION

DATE: MARCH 7, 2002

The Farmer's Market has been operating out of the Frisbee location on Omaha and Cross Street for the past several years. This has been an excellent location for the operation however the past two summers we have seen an explosion of residents shopping at the market for locally grown food products.

This past summer we experienced parking problems and worked with the Farmer's Market group to attempt to resolve those problems. Due to the number of participations selling produce and locally grown products this site has become much too small and the parking is inadequate for this operation.

The Farmer's Market organization requests permission to use the property just east of the present Harley Davidson property on East Omaha Street on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays beginning July 9 until approximately October 5. I have contacted Bill Gikling owner of the present Harley Davidson site and he is not opposed to such a use. As you may recall the City entered into an agreement with Mr. Gikling for improvements and maintenance of this area.

Action requested: Approval of the Farmer's Market operation to utilize the East Omaha Street park property from July through October annually.