

**City of Minneapolis**  
**Request for Committee Action**

**To:** Public Safety, Civil Rights & Emergency Management  
**Date:** 11/17/2015  
**Referral:** Ways & Means  
**From:** Police Department  
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**Subcategory:** Contracts & Agreements

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**Subject:**

Contract for boarding services for Mounted Patrol horses.

**Description:**

- A. Accepting the proposal and authorizing the proper officials to negotiate and execute a three-year contract with Horsemen, Inc. for boarding police Mounted Patrol horses.
- B. Granting a waiver to the Minneapolis Living Wage and Responsible Public Spending Ordinance for the contracted services.

**Previous Actions:**

The Police Department has contracted with Horsemen, Inc. since 2005.

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**Ward/Address:**

Not Applicable

**Background/Analysis:**

The Mounted Patrol has boarded their horses at the Zurah Shrine Horse Patrol, Horsemen, Inc. stables since 2005. Upon issuing the RFP this year, Horsemen, Inc. was the sole respondent with a proposal. The MPD and its Mounted Patrol are very satisfied with the facility, service provided and boarding location and wishes to proceed with a three-year contract for boarding services for 12 horses.

The estimated contract amount for 2016 is \$93,000.

Horsemen requests a waiver to the Minneapolis Living Wage and Responsible Public Spending Ordinance due to the nature of the business, its non-profit status and small number of employees. Horsemen is unable to contract with the city if ordinance compliance is required.

**Financial Review:**

**No additional appropriation required, amount included in current budget.**