This policy is promulgated in accordance with Section 104.1 of the 2018 International Fire Code and is an official interpretation of Section 5704.2.14 of the 2018 International Fire Code.

The following shall apply to the removal and disposal of storage tanks:
Section 5704.2.14 of the International Fire Code reads as follows: “Removal and disposal of tanks shall comply with Sections 5704.2.14.1 and 5704.2.14.2.” It is the opinion of the Fire Marshal that at no time, within the corporate city limits of Des Moines, shall it be deemed acceptable to cut or otherwise dismantle a storage tank. The following is the Des Moines Fire Prevention Bureau’s policy on how a storage tank shall be removed and disposed of:

1.) Section 5704.2.14.1 of the International Fire Code shall be strictly adhered to for the removal of the storage tank.

2.) Section 5704.2.14.2 of the International Fire Code shall be strictly adhered to for the disposal of the storage tank.

3.) At no time shall this policy be considered permission to violate federal or state regulations for the removal and disposal of storage tanks.

4.) At no time shall it be deemed acceptable to cut or otherwise dismantle a storage tank within the corporate city limits of Des Moines.

   **Exception: Cutting that is required to provide access in order to clean and purge the tank prior to transport, in accordance with API RP 1604 and 2015.**

Any comments or questions regarding the above information may be submitted to:

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