

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: June 14, 2010
	Agenda Item No. 38 Roll Call No. [Roll Call] Communication No. <u>10-323</u> Submitted by: Larry Hulse, Community Development Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Resolution authorizing the City Manger to remove requested properties from the Polk County Tax Certificate Sale and approving assignment of tax sale certificates to Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity for the development of low to moderate income owner occupied housing.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval to remove 19 vacant lots from the tax sale and to assign the tax sale certificates for the development of affordable housing to Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity (Lance Henning, Executive Director, 2341 Second Avenue, P.O. Box 716, Des Moines, IA 50303-0716).

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

Amount: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The 2005 amendments to the Iowa Code 446.19A permit cities to acquire tax sale certificates for vacant lots assessed as residential property without paying the taxes due, and allows the City to utilize an expedited redemption period, all for the purpose of encouraging the development of housing. The City of Des Moines has utilized this process in recent years with a great deal of success, which has enabled affordable housing providers to acquire buildable lots at a cost substantially below market value. The City seeks to obtain additional vacant lot tax sale certificates from the 2010 Tax Sale that can ultimately be used for the development of affordable housing.

Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity has identified 19 vacant lots that it would like to pursue through this process, and requests the City Manager remove these properties from the upcoming tax sale. The vacant lots are located at the following addresses:

Property Address
1144 17TH ST DES MOINES IA 50314
1111 E 9TH ST DES MOINES IA 50316
2810 DES MOINES ST DES MOINES IA 50317
2233 GARFIELD AVE DES MOINES IA 50317

3017 MAHASKA AVE DES MOINES IA 50317
2910 1ST ST DES MOINES IA 50313
3828 15TH ST DES MOINES IA 50313
1448 4TH ST DES MOINES IA 50314
1444 4TH ST DES MOINES IA 50314
1519 9TH ST DES MOINES IA 50314
1601 CARPENTER AVE DES MOINES IA 50314
1505 17TH ST DES MOINES IA 50314
1546 22ND ST DES MOINES IA 50311
1319 HARRISON AVE DES MOINES IA 50314
1423 22ND ST DES MOINES IA 50311
1621 JEFFERSON AVE DES MOINES IA 50314
1231 3RD ST DES MOINES IA 50314
1320 21ST ST DES MOINES IA 50311
1907 CLARK ST DES MOINES IA 50314

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 6, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-998

Action: [Assignment](#) of Tax Sale Certificates to Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity Inc., for the development of low- to moderate-income owner-occupied housing. ([Council Communication No. 09-387](#)) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: June 9, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-1007

Action: [Assignment](#) of Tax Sale Certificates to Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity, Inc., Home Opportunities Made Easy, Inc., and Community Housing Development Corporation for the development of low to moderate income owner-occupied housing. ([Council Communication No. 08-325](#)) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0

Date: June 4, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-1058

Action: [Assignment](#) of Tax Sale Certificates to Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity for development of low to moderate-income owner occupied housing. ([Council Communication No. 07-333](#)) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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