

 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Council Communication</b> Office of the City Manager</p>	<b>Date:</b> June 13, 2011
	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 35 <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>11-1001</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>11-368</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Phillip Delafield, 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 and Home Opportunities Made Easy Incorporated (HOME Inc.) for the development of low to moderate income owner occupied housing.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval to remove 21 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, Iowa 50303-0716, and HOME Inc., Pam Carmichael, Executive Director, 1111 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 210, Des Moines, Iowa 53014-2584.

**FISCAL IMPACT: NONE**

Amount: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The 2005 amendments to the Iowa Code 446.19A permits cities to acquire tax sale certificates for vacant lots assessed as residential property without paying the taxes due, and to allow 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 2011 Tax Sale that can ultimately be used for the development of affordable housing.

Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity and HOME Inc. have identified 21 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 Addresses requested by Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity:

1319 Harrison  
2419 SE 5th St.

1704 24th St.  
913 Titus Ave.  
1546 22nd St.  
1505 17th St.  
1613 E. 22nd St.  
654 26th St.  
3012 E. 8th St.  
2233 Garfield Ave.  
4520 SE 16th St.  
1547 12th St.  
1613 E. 8th St.  
1419 5th Ave.  
1540 10th St.  
2163 E. 17th Ct.  
1111 E. 9th St.  
1721 21st St.  
1807 12th St.  
1723 8th St.

Properties requested by HOME Inc.:

1067 22nd St.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: June 14, 2010

Roll Call Number: 10-920

Action: [City](#) Manager to remove requested properties from Polk County tax sale certificate and approve assignment of tax sale certificates to Greater Des Moines Habitat For Humanity, Inc. for development of low to moderate income owner-occupied housing. ([Council Communication No. 10-323](#)) **Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.**

Date: June 8, 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.**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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