

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: June 11, 2012
	Agenda Item No. 35 Roll Call No. <u>12-0897</u> Communication No. <u>12-276</u> Submitted by: 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 12 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 9th 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 12 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:

1150 18th Street
254 East 17th Street
1774 Lyon Street
1772 Lyon Street
2621 East Elm Street
2233 Garfield Avenue
215 Watson Avenue
1601 Carpenter Avenue
1319 Harrison Avenue
1409 2nd Place
1115 19th Street

Properties requested by HOME Inc.:

1355 Pennsylvania Avenue

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 13, 2011

Roll Call Number: [11-1001](#)

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. 11-368](#)) Moved by Moore to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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