COUNCIL COMMUNICATION				
CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	20-530	Meeting:	December 7, 2020
	Agenda Item:	27	Roll Call:	20-2016
	Submitted by:	James M. Hoff, Facilities Manager		

AGENDA HEADING:

Cancellation of Energy and Water Benchmarking Program penalties for 2019 data reporting cycle.

SYNOPSIS:

This agenda item cancels Energy and Water Benchmarking Program penalties for the 2019 data reporting cycle as requested by Council and approved by the City Manager's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On September 14, 2020 City Council approved an amendment to chapter 26, Section 26-909, enabling the issuance of energy and water use benchmarking civil penalties.
- During City Council consideration of the amendment it was suggested that the issuance of penalties be delayed or canceled for 2019 data reporting.
- The COVID-19 pandemic and the derecho of 2020 have placed inordinate pressure on property owners relative to a typical reporting year. As a result, deadlines were extended twice. First until August 28, 2020 and then until December 31, 2020.
- The cancellation of penalties for 2019 data reporting will provide additional relief to property owners who have been unable to report this year.
- A May 1st deadline and reporting penalty structures will remain in place for the 2020 data reporting cycle.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 14, 2020

Roll Call Number: 20-1482

<u>Action</u>: <u>Amending</u> Chapter 26 by adding and enacting new Section 26-909, relating to energy and water use benchmarking civil penalties. Moved by Mandelbaum that this ordinance do now pass, #<u>15,918</u>. Motion Carried 5-2. Nays: Gatto and Westergaard.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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