COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

CITY OF DES MOINES CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE	Number:	**26-260**	Meeting:	**August 3, 2026**
	Agenda Item:	**45**	Roll Call:	**26-0910**
	Submitted by:	**Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director**		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Amendments to the Schedule of Fees Regarding Chapter 61 as it relates to the Property Maintenance Code and Vacant Property Registry.

SYNOPSIS:

The purpose of the proposed amendment to the Schedule of Fees is to reflect the changes to the organization of Chapter 61 and the new section numbers assigned to the various provisions that reference the Schedule of Fees and to adequately define the enforcement and registration fees referenced in Chapter 6.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: $6,000

Funding Source: Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget; Neighborhood Services Department; Property Improvement H901NS414000 Special Revenue Fund; page 129.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- This proposed amendment to the Schedule of Fees will bring our fees charged for the Property Maintenance Code and Vacant Property Registry in line with what is being charged by the Neighborhood Inspections Division.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: December 23, 2024

Roll Call Number: 24-1743 and 24-1744

Action: Repeal and replace Chapter 61 of the Municipal Code relating to property maintenance and vacant property. (Council Communication No. 24-535) Moved by Gatto that this ordinance be considered and given second vote for passage. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.

A) Final consideration of ordinance above (waiver requested by Chris Johansen, Director, Neighborhood Services Director), requires six votes. Moved by Gatto that the rule requiring that an ordinance must be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to

the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, that the ordinance be placed upon its final passage and that the ordinance do now pass, #16,407. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

- Annual review and potential adjustments of fees.

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