

ORDINANCE NO. 16,442

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, as heretofore amended, by amending Section 118-302, relating to the qualifying improvements for the private property protection program.

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, as heretofore amended, is hereby amended, by amending Section 118-302, relating to the qualifying improvements for the private property protection program, as follows:

Sec. 118-302. Qualifying improvements.

- (a) The private property protection program will provide a maximum of a \$1,500 subsidy as a reimbursement for 100% of the reasonable total cost actually paid by the property owner for any materials and labor for the qualifying improvements to existing structures on private property.
- (b) The work must have been performed and completed between the dates of January 1, 2017 and June 30, 2028.
- (c) The property improvements deemed qualifying for subsidy from the private property protection program are limited to the new installation of a backwater valve(s) to protect the entire basement or lowest level only, the disconnection of roof leaders from the sanitary sewer service, the new installation or redirection of a sump pump to discharge flows from foundation drains and area drains to a non-sanitary sewer outlet such as a rain garden, storm sewer, or the ground surface. Any work performed due to a requirement by the city is not eligible for the subsidy.
- (d) A completed private property protection program subsidy application form must be submitted by June 1, 2028 and prior to commencement of the work for which the applicant desires to receive reimbursement in order to determine if the proposed work qualifies for a subsidy and if there are sufficient funds in the program. The application must be approved before work is begun in order to be eligible for reimbursement. The account for the sanitary sewer fee charges on the property must be current as to payments.
- (e) Upon completion of the work and no later than August 31, 2028, the applicant must submit to the Department of Public Works documentation of the cost of the qualifying improvements which must include a copy of an itemized invoice from a licensed plumber or plumbing firm that identifies the work performed and a copy of the full payment.
- (f) The work must be performed by a licensed plumber under a City plumbing permit.
- (g) A property for which the maximum subsidy amount has been reimbursed by the City is not eligible for additional subsidies under this program, regardless of a change in ownership or use, until at least 10 years have passed since the last date of issuance of the prior subsidy.
- (h) The amount of funding for this program will be capped at an annual basis at an amount recommended by the director in the Public Works Department operating budget and as approved by the city council. To the extent that program funds are available, subsidies shall

be provided to qualified applicants in the order in which completed applications are received.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

FORM APPROVED: Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

Connie Boesen, Mayor

Attest: I, Laura Baumgartner, City Clerk of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of an Ordinance (Roll Call No. 25-0385), passed by the City Council of said City at the meeting held on March 10, 2025 and signed by the Mayor on March 10, 2025 and published and provided by law in the Business Record on March 28, 2025. Authorized by Publication Order No. 12954.

Laura Baumgartner, City Clerk