

ORDINANCE NO. 16,503

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, is hereby amended, by amending Section 2-364, relating to the retention of outside counsel.

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 2-364 relating to the retention of outside counsel, as follows:

Sec. 2-364. Employing special counsel.

No compensation shall be allowed to any person for services as an attorney or counselor to any part of the city government or the heads thereof, except in cases especially authorized by ordinance or resolution of the city council and then only on the certificate of the city attorney or designee that the services are actually rendered and that they could not be performed by officers of the legal department, unless the city council specifically waives this certificate of the city attorney and directs a different process.

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

FORM APPROVED: Chas M. Cahill, 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. 25-1359), passed by the City Council of said City at the meeting held on September 29, 2025 and signed by the Mayor on September 29, 2025 and published and provided by law in the Business Record on October 17, 2025. Authorized by Publication Order No. 13141.

Laura Baumgartner, City Clerk