

Date April 11, 2011

**WAIVER OF \$15,777.35 DEMOLITION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR GREATER
DES MOINES HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TO DEVELOP A SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE
AT 2910 1ST STREET FOR SALE TO A LOW INCOME HOME BUYER**

WHEREAS, Iowa Code 446.19A permits cities to acquire tax sale certificates for abandoned property, assessed as residential property or as commercial multifamily property, or vacant residential lots without paying the taxes then due, to obtain the assignment of outstanding tax sale certificates by payment to the holder of the amount then due to redeem the certificate, and to give notice of expiration of the redemption period upon an expedited schedule, all for the purpose of encouraging the acquisition and rehabilitation of abandoned dwellings and lots; and,

WHEREAS, by Roll Call 10-920 on June 14, 2010 the City Council authorized a request to the Polk County Treasurer for removal of the vacant lot at 2910 1st Street from the tax certificate sale so that the lot could be assigned to Habitat for Humanity (Lance Henning, Executive Director, 2341 Second Avenue, P.O. Box 716, Des Moines, IA 50303-0716) for development of affordable housing.

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity has taken the tax deed to the property and is requesting the City to forgive the demolition special assessment against the property;

WHEREAS, demolition for public nuisance properties is funded by Community Development Block Grant funds and the City Council has waived such special assessments in the past for development of affordable housing by a nonprofit housing provider.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa that the special assessment against the parcel located at 2910 1st Street (\$13,587.02 plus \$2,190.33 in accrued interest totaling \$15,777.35) is waived, staff is directed to notify the Polk County Treasurer's Office of the Council Action and to request the Polk County Treasurer's Office to cancel the special assessment from the county system.

City Council Communication No. 11- **218**)

FORM APPROVED:

Moved by _____ to adopt.



Michael F. Kelley, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
GRIESS				
HENSLEY				
MAHAFFEY				
MEYER				
MOORE				
TOTAL				
MOTION CARRIED			APPROVED	
_____ Mayor				

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

City Clerk