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**Date** May 24, 2021

**AUTHORIZING NOTIFICATION REGARDING CITY PARTICIPATION IN THE  
CENTRAL IOWA WATER TRAILS SYSTEM, SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT TERMS  
BEING FINALIZED**

**WHEREAS**, Central Iowa Water Trails, LLC (CIWT) operates as a regional public-private partnership for the purpose of implementing a recreational and dam safety plan for 150 miles of water trails throughout Central Iowa (“Central Iowa Water Trails System”); and

**WHEREAS**, the following seven Water Trail Improvements are regional access points located within the corporate city limits of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, as described in the 2018 MPO/ISG Phase I Regional Engineering Studies for Des Moines River, Raccoon River, and Fourmile + Mud Creek:

DES MOINES RIVER IMPROVEMENTS - river access improvements at River Place, Prospect Park, Birdland Marina, and Harriet Street.

RACCOON RIVER IMPROVEMENTS– river access improvements at 63rd Street.

FOURMILE CREEK river access improvements at Sargent Park and Fourmile Community Recreation Center; and

**WHEREAS**, there are three dam mitigation sites located in Des Moines, including Center Street, Fleur Drive and Scott Avenue, as presented in 2018 Downtown Des Moines Water Trails Engineering Study; and

**WHEREAS**, CIWT drafted and presented a 28E agreement that provides for the operation and maintenance of the planned water trail improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, as the terms of the draft 28E Agreement are being finalized, CIWT has requested jurisdictions provide confirmation of their intent to participate in the Central Iowa Water Trails System; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff have reviewed the draft 28E agreement and are working to resolve terms such that the 28E Agreement can be presented to City Council for consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, annual jurisdiction contributions are for the support of the operating budget of the non-profit, currently known as CIWT. Public jurisdictions provide for 70% of the funding and private contributions provide the remaining 30%. CIWT has calculated the City of Des



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Moines contribution to be \$141,876 for FY2022 based on the number and type of access points, drainage area and population; and

**WHEREAS**, future annual contribution amounts may vary based on overall jurisdiction's participation and direction of the Board to be established.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to notify CIWT of the City's intent to participate in the Central Iowa Water Trails System, subject to agreement terms being finalized.

(Council Communication Number 21-235)

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ann DiDonato  
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Assistant City Attorney

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COWNIE				
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**CERTIFICATE**

I, P. Kay Cmelik, 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.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk