



Date December 4, 2023

APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN (CAAP), ADAPT DSM

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2021, in Roll Call Number 21-0040, the City Council established new Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Goals and a Community 24x7 Carbon-free Electricity Goal for the City of Des Moines; and,

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2021, in Roll Call Number 21-1921, the City Council approved an agreement with Brendle Group, Inc. for consultant services for Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP); and,

WHEREAS, Brendle Group, Inc. has completed the CAAP, also referred to as ADAPT DSM; and,

WHEREAS, ADAPT DSM is a visionary, tactic-oriented roadmap to generate a future for Des Moines that is sustainable, resilient, and equitable and designed to guide decision making, policy, and programs that reduce harmful pollution that causes climate change, while increasing resilience and enhancing the adaptive capacity of our community; and,

WHEREAS, adoption of ADAPT DSM will significantly improve the City’s ranking in several official national and international reporting frameworks including the ACEEE City Scorecard and the CDP-ICLEI unified reporting system, the official reporting tool for local governments as part of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC); and,

WHEREAS, passage of climate goals, including 24/7-clean electricity by 2035, a 45% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, and net-zero emissions by 2050, establish the long-term targets for the City and are critical to establishing a strategic direction of targeted short-, medium- and long-term strategies and tactics for the Sustainability Office, other City departments, and the community at large; and,

WHEREAS, the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and other federal, state, and private sector funding opportunities can significantly accelerate progress toward meeting the emissions reduction and 24/7 clean electricity goals established by Council, and may require at times, the completion of a CAAP to support applicant eligibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines that the ADAPT DSM Plan is hereby approved and adopted and the appendices are hereby acknowledged as received for continuing study and improvement as the science evolves.



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(Council Communication No. 23- 546)

Moved by _____ to adopt. Second by _____.

FORM APPROVED:

Thomas G. Fisher Jr.
Deputy City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
BOESEN				
COLEMAN				
GATTO				
MANDELBAUM				
VOSS				
WESTERGAARD				
TOTAL				
MOTION CARRIED			APPROVED	

CERTIFICATE

I, LAURA BAUMGARTNER, 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.

Mayor

City Clerk