



Date September 8, 2025

**APPROVING PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM LANDOWNER AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FOR A GRANT OF NATIVE PRAIRIE SEED AT A VALUE OF APPROXIMATELY \$8,050.00 FOR HABITAT RESTORATION AND RETENTION PROJECT AT JAMES W. COWNIE SOCCER COMPLEX**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Des Moines owns real property commonly referred to as the James W. Cownie Soccer Complex and locally known as 2600 Hartford Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, upon which the City intends to restore, improve, and retain wildlife prairie habitat within a portion of the Complex through its Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department (the "Project") for the benefit of wildlife and enjoyment of the residents of the City, subject to availability of funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service ("USFWS"), has selected the City of Des Moines to receive a grant of native prairie seed at a value of approximately \$8,050.00 for use for the Project and has requested that the City approve and comply with a Fish and Wildlife Program Landowner Agreement ("Agreement"), in form on file in the office of the City Clerk, pursuant to which USFWS will provide the native prairie seed as part of the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, said Agreement requires the City to retain the Project for a term that expires on August 1, 2035; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Recreation Department recommends approval of the Fish and Wildlife Program Landowner Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program Landowner Agreement between the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the City of Des Moines, in form on file in the City Clerk's Office, is hereby approved, and the City Parks and Recreation Department Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute and administer said Agreement on behalf of the City.

MOVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ TO ADOPT.

Approved as to Form:

/s/ Chas M. Cahill

Chas M. Cahill

Assistant City Attorney

SECOND BY \_\_\_\_\_.

**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.

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

Mayor

City Clerk

