



Date September 29, 2025

**APPROVAL OF RETENTION OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL AND RATIFYING THE
RETENTION AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines has received a demand related to litigation; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to retain outside counsel to represent the City in the litigation; and

WHEREAS, Jo Ellen Whitney, an attorney with the Dentons Davis Brown PC Law Firm agrees to represent the City; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines:

That Jo Ellen Whitney of the law firm Dentons Davis Brown PC, the Davis Brown Tower, 215 10th Street, Suite 1300, Des Moines, IA 50309 is retained by the City of Des Moines for the purpose of representation in litigation. The City Attorney is authorized to execute a Retention Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the attorney is to provide detailed billing for such services and payment for such services may be periodic.

Moved by _____ to adopt. Second by _____.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Meg Norberg

Megan Norberg
Deputy City Attorney



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| COUNCIL ACTION | YEAS | NAYS | PASS | ABSENT |
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| BOESEN | | | | |
| COLEMAN | | | | |
| GATTO | | | | |
| MANDELBAUM | | | | |
| SIMONSON | | | | |
| 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