



Date November 17, 2025

**APPROVING NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH
POLK COUNTY TO PROVIDE SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL FOR VACANT LOTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines has completed a City-Wide Comprehensive Housing Strategy, including identification of vacant lots previously acquired or to be acquired by Polk County, Iowa ("County") through the tax sale or similar processes that may deserve further City review for alignment with the implementation of said Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the County has requested that the City provide snow removal services for the public sidewalks adjoining said vacant lots while they remain County-owned during the approximately 18-month strategic review period; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has agreed to provide snow removal for the public sidewalks adjoining said vacant lots, at no charge to the County and in the same manner and service level as is employed by the City in accomplishing snow removal on City property, through December 31, 2026, with the option to renew for an additional one-year term; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department wishes to negotiate a Service Agreement with the County setting forth said terms.

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

1. The Public Works Department Director or designee are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate a Service Agreement with Polk County for public sidewalk snow removal services on vacant lots acquired by the County and under review by the City for its City-Wide Comprehensive Housing Strategy, as further described above and based on the terms set forth above.
2. Following approval as to form by the Legal Department, the Mayor is authorized to sign said Service Agreement, the City Clerk is authorized to attest to the Mayor's signature, and the Public Works Department Director is authorized and directed to administer and monitor the Service Agreement for compliance with its terms, and to approve and execute renewal addenda.

Moved by _____ to adopt.

Second by _____.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Glenna K. Frank

Glenna K. Frank, Deputy City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN				
COLEMAN				
GATTO				
MANDELBAUM				
SIMONSON				
VOSS				
WESTERGAARD				
TOTAL				

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Mayor

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.

City Clerk