

Date February 23, 2026

COMMUNICATION OF FIRE ESCROW AT 135 & 137 E LEACH AVENUE

Communication from Neighborhood Inspection Division regarding demolition cost reserve escrowed for main structure located at 135 & 137 E Leach Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

(Communication and documentation attached)

Moved by _____

to receive and file and to direct the City Attorney to bring legal action within one hundred eighty (180) days of email notice dated January 14, 2026, if owner(s) has not demolished or renovated the structure.

Second by _____.

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



Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company**
Western Agricultural Insurance Company**
Farm Bureau Property & Casualty Insurance Company**

January 14, 2026

City of Des Moines Neighborhood Inspection
Attn: Scott Clauson
400 Robert D. Ray Drive
Des Moines, IA 50309

Sent via USPS and email to SA Clauson@dmgov.org

RE: Insured: David Leach
Date of Loss: 11/202025
Claim Number: B183569P00

Dear Mr. Clauson:

This letter is acknowledging we are withholding 10% of the payment for damages as outlined in Iowa Code 515.139. for Dave Leach's property located at 137 E Leach Ave, Des Moines, IA 50315. Please advise us as soon as possible when this can be released. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Rob Brown
Farm Bureau Financial Services
Farm Bureau Property & Casualty Insurance Company
Western Agricultural Insurance Company
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