



Date April 20, 2026

**RESOLUTION APPROVING FACILITY USE AGREEMENT FOR HISTORIC CITY HALL AND AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO SIGN UP TO THREE (3) ADDITIONAL FACILITY USE AGREEMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Des Moines is the owner of the Historic City Hall, located at 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, and the City Manager is responsible for the management, maintenance, and supervision of the Historic City Hall; and

**WHEREAS**, all City Staff have been relocated from the Historic City Hall to the T.M. Franklin Cownie City Administration Building, located at 1200 Locust Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager has identified multiple opportunities for the currently unoccupied Historic City Hall to be utilized for temporary event uses; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager desires to enter facility use agreements for temporary event uses of the Historic City Hall; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager negotiated a Facility Use Agreement with Des Moines Metro Opera, Inc., in form on file in the office of the City Clerk, to allow for temporary use of the Historic City Hall for an event; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager additionally desires to enter three (3) additional facility use agreements for temporary use of the Historic City Hall; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the City of Des Moines to authorize the City Manager to sign and approve the Facility Use Agreement between the City of Des Moines and Des Moines Metro Opera, Inc., and also to authorize the City Manager to consider, approve, execute, and administer three (3) additional facility use agreements on behalf of the City of Des Moines for the temporary use of the Historic City Hall; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes that such use of the above-described facilities will be beneficial to the residents of the City of Des Moines.

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

1. The Facility Use Agreement for Historic City Hall between the City of Des Moines and Des Moines Metro Opera, Inc., in form on file in the City Clerk's Office, is hereby approved; the City Manager is authorized and directed to execute such Agreement on behalf of the City; and the City Manager and their designee are authorized to administer the Agreement on behalf of the City.



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2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to consider, approve, execute, and administer three (3) additional facility use agreements on behalf of the City of Des Moines, following approval as to form by the Legal Department, provided that:(a) the temporary use shall be limited to events open to the public (i.e. event tickets availability or attendance opportunities are open to the public); (b) the minimum facility use rental fee is \$5,000.00; and (c) temporary use shall be limited to charitable or philanthropic events.
3. Any additional facility use agreements in excess of the original four (4) authorized here shall require prior approval by separate resolution of the City Council.
4. This authorization is limited solely to the facility use agreements for temporary use and any other agreements concerning the use of the Historic City Hall shall require prior approval by separate resolution of the City Council.

**(Council Communication No. 26-151)**

Approved as to form:

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt.

/s/ Chas M. Cahill

Second by \_\_\_\_\_.

Chas M. Cahill  
Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN				
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**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.

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Mayor

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City Clerk