



**Roll Call Number**

**Agenda Item Number**

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**Date May 18, 2026**  
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**APPROVAL OF RETENTION OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL AND RATIFYING THE  
RETENTION AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to retain outside counsel to assist with bringing an antitrust and unfair competition lawsuit against certain suppliers and their companies and any other potentially liable entities; and

WHEREAS, John Fiske and Lindsay Stevens of Baron & Budd, P.C., Catherine Simonsen, Shaoul Sussman, Victoria Sims and Nicolas Stebinger of Simonsen Sussman LLP, and Tom Young and Patrick Mickler of Young & Partners, LLP will be primarily responsible for the work for the City.

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

The retention of outside counsel is approved and the compensation for the attorneys is contingent on any net recovery. The City Attorney is authorized to execute a Retention Agreement.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Meg Norberg  
Meg Norberg  
Deputy City Attorney

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

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Mayor

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City Clerk