



Date April 1, 2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR PROPERTY ACQUIRED THROUGH THE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PROCESS

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 446.19A permits cities to acquire tax sale certificates for abandoned property assessed as residential property or as commercial multifamily property or vacant residential lots at a tax sale without paying the taxes then due, to obtain the assignment of outstanding tax sale certificates by payment to the certificate holder the amount then due to redeem the certificate, and to further assign said certificates, all for the purpose of encouraging the acquisition and rehabilitation of abandoned dwellings and lots; and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2023, by Roll Call No. 23-0232, the City Council approved acquisition of the tax sale certificate for the vacant and abandoned property locally known 1411 17th Street, Des Moines, Iowa (“Property”), entered into a development agreement with Home Opportunities Made Easy, Incorporated (HOME, Inc.) and began the process to take tax sale deed.

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2024 the City of Des Moines requested and was issued the tax sale deed for the Property by the Polk County Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the special assessments against the Property have been identified by HOME Inc. as an encumbrance to redevelopment for housing; and

WHEREAS, City staff has reviewed these special assessments and determined that it is in the City’s best interest to release the special assessments against the property in order to encourage redevelopment of the site.

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

- 1. The special assessments levied by the City and pending against the Property shall be deemed released as follows:

1411 17th Street, Des Moines, Iowa

Year	Assessment	Amount
2022	1200020220101 - DM 00-202201 3-28-2022	\$2,384.93
2022	1200020210701 - DM 00-202107 12-30-2021	\$367.00

and the City Engineer or the City Engineer’s designee is hereby authorized and directed to notify the County of the release of such special assessments; and

- 2. The Neighborhood Services Director’s designee shall seek to release all other assessments levied by Polk County, Des Moines Water Works, or other governmental entities pending against the Property; and



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- 3. The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to sign and attest, respectively, any necessary partial releases, after approval as to form by the City Legal Department.

(Council Communication No. 24-135)

Moved by _____ to adopt.

Second by _____.

FORM APPROVED:

/s/ Chas M. Cahill

Chas M. Cahill, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN				
SIMONSON				
VOSS				
COLEMAN				
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