

★ Roll Call Number

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Date October 27, 2008

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR
ENTERPRISE ZONE CERTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED
DRAKE PARK / SHERMAN HILL / WOODLAND HEIGHTS ENTERPRISE ZONE

WHEREAS, *Iowa Code* Sections 15E.191 thru 15E.197 provides that certain eligible cities and counties may designate areas as enterprise zones and apply to the State of Iowa for enterprise zone certification in order to facilitate economic reinvestment in economically distressed areas; and,

WHEREAS, businesses (excluding retail or those whose entrance is limited by a cover charge or membership requirement) that invest in housing or create employment opportunities within a certified enterprise zone may be eligible to receive certain State tax incentives, which include corporate income tax credits, job training, investment, and research and development tax credits and a refund of sales, service and use taxes paid on materials used in construction contracts; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Drake Park / Sherman Hill / Woodland Heights Enterprise Zone contains approximately 666.84 acres, is located generally between University Avenue and Grand Avenue between 28th Street and Keo Way, and is proposed to be created for the purpose of encouraging reinvestment and redevelopment of such land; and,

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the proposed Drake Park / Sherman Hill / Woodland Heights Enterprise Zone meets the eligibility criteria for certification under *Iowa Code* Section 15E.194 (2)(a) because the area has a per capita income of \$12,126; under *Iowa Code* Section 15E.194(2)(b) because the area has a family poverty rate of more than 12%, and under *Iowa Code* Section 15E.194 (2)(c), because the area has a housing vacancy rate of 10%, all based on the 2000 census for Census Tract 26 ;and meets the eligibility criteria for certification under *Iowa Code* Section 15E.194(2)(b) because the area has a family poverty rate of more than 12% and under *Iowa Code* Section 15E194(2)(e) because the area is a blighted area as defined in *Iowa Code* Section 403.19 for Census Tract 27 based on the 2000 Census; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Des Moines to pursue enterprise zone certification of the proposed Drake Park / Sherman Hill / Woodland Heights Enterprise Zone by the Iowa Department of Economic Development ("IDED").

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

1. The proposed Drake Park / Sherman Hill / Woodland Heights Enterprise Zone is hereby designated as an Enterprise Zone pursuant to *Iowa Code* Section 15E.192 (2), subject to certification by IDED.

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2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute, where necessary, the accompanying application and any additional documents that may be required in the future to certify the Drake Park / Sherman Hill / Woodland Heights Enterprise Zone, and the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to submit the application and to provide the necessary follow-up assistance to pursue certification of the Drake Park / Sherman Hill / Woodland Heights Enterprise Zone.
3. The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to take all such actions necessary in order to carry out the provisions of this Roll Call.
4. Subject to certification of the Drake Park / Sherman Hill / Woodland Heights Enterprise Zone by IDED,
 - a. The City Clerk shall file this Roll Call and notice of the certification of the Drake Park / Sherman Hill / Woodland Heights Enterprise Zone with the Polk County Assessor and the Polk County Auditor.
 - b. Eligible businesses locating or expanding in the Drake Park / Sherman Hill / Woodland Heights Enterprise Zone shall be eligible for the benefits allowed within designated enterprise zones.

(Council Communication No. 08-640)

MOVED by Vlassis to adopt.

FORM APPROVED:

Roger K. Brown
 Roger K. Brown
 Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
KIERNAN	✓			
MAHAFFEY	✓			
MEYER	✓			
VLASSIS	✓			
TOTAL	7			

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, 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.

Diane Rauh City Clerk

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

T. M. Franklin
 Mayor