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Date May 18, 2015

**RESOLUTION CONTINUING APPROVAL OF UPDATES TO THE
SAMPLE BY-LAWS FOR RECOGNIZED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS**

WHEREAS, on May 24, 1993, by Roll Call No. 93-2026, the City Council approved the Neighborhood Recognition Policy (the "Policy") which establishes procedures for the formal recognition of neighborhood associations by the City of Des Moines, and authorizes Recognized neighborhoods to advise the City on issues of concern; and

WHEREAS, a sample set of by-laws are provided as part of the application packet for new neighborhoods applying to become formally recognized, as well as to existing neighborhood associations that are interested in updating their by-laws; and

WHEREAS, neighborhood associations are encouraged to tailor their by-laws to their own organization's needs while still retaining required elements, such as an open meetings policy and clearly defined membership and voting requirements; and

WHEREAS, the intention of the Policy is that neighborhood associations operate in a fair, inclusive, and transparent manner; and

WHEREAS, a five-member subcommittee of the Neighborhood Revitalization Board (NRB) has met with staff from the City's Community Development Department in order to review and make recommended changes to the sample by-laws that are provided to new and existing neighborhood associations; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2015, the NRB unanimously voted to recommend approval of the updated sample neighborhood association by-laws and forward such recommendation to the City Council, which updated sample by-laws are attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2015, by Roll Call No. 15-0663, the City Council voted to continue consideration and approval of the updated sample neighborhood association by-laws until the May 18, 2015 Council meeting in order to receive input from Council Members and neighborhood associations; and

WHEREAS, based on said input, City staff intend to request the NRB subcommittee to reconvene and further discuss the proposed updates, which process has not been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that consideration and approval of the updated sample neighborhood by-laws be continued until such time as the NRB subcommittee's review is complete.



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MOVED BY Hensley TO ADOPT.

FORM APPROVED:

Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MAHAFFEY	✓			
MOORE	✓			
TOTAL	7			

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

T. M. Franklin Council Mayor

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