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Date November 23, 2015

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO
NEIGHBORHOOD RECOGNITION POLICY**

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, on November 3, 2014, by Roll Call No. 14-1714, the City Council approved amendments to the Neighborhood Recognition Policy regarding prioritization of recognized neighborhood groups without eliminating non-recognized groups access to communication; and

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2015, the City Council directed staff to consider guidelines regarding the geographic size of neighborhoods, so that they are able to effectively conduct business and provide services to their residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager further directed staff to evaluate the roles and responsibilities of Recognized Neighborhoods and include additional language in the Neighborhood Recognition Policy; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager requested that all Department Directors provide feedback as to how they work and interact with neighborhood associations on a daily basis, in order to establish such roles and responsibilities, as well as a Code of Conduct; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2015, the NRB unanimously voted to recommend approval of amendments to the Neighborhood Recognition Policy and forward such recommendation to the City Council, which amendments and recommendation are attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

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

1. That the attached communication from the Neighborhood Revitalization Board is hereby received and filed.
2. That the amendments to the Neighborhood Recognition Policy, as attached hereto, are hereby approved, and the Neighborhood Revitalization Board and City staff are directed and authorized to administer said Policy in accordance with said amendments.

(Council Communication No. 15-611)

MOVED by Hensley to adopt.

FORM APPROVED.



Lawrence R. McDowell
Deputy City Attorney

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.

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


T. M. Franklin
Mayor


Diane Rauh
City Clerk