

Date January 8, 2018

**APPROVAL OF BLIGHTED PROPERTY REHABILITATION (BPR) PROGRAM AND PROGRAM POLICY**

**WHEREAS**, according to the 2010 U.S. Census, there are approximately 2,100 vacant residential housing units, many of which are in danger of becoming blighted and which have a negative impact on the quality of City neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Blighted Property Rehabilitation (BPR) Program, to be administered by the Community Development Department, is designed to provide financial assistance to investors, non-profit organizations, and other qualified developers for projects involving the acquisition, demolition and/or rehabilitation of vacant, abandoned and/or blighted residential properties in the City of Des Moines; and

**WHEREAS**, applicants and projects will be approved in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Blighted Property Rehabilitation Program Policy on file in the City Clerk's Office; and

**WHEREAS**, the Program will provide financial assistance of a total of \$100,000 per year funded through the Capital Improvements Program, with project contracts in amounts up to and including \$50,000 each to be approved and executed by the City Manager following approval as to form by the Legal Department, and project contracts in excess of \$50,000 each to be submitted to City Council for consideration and approval.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the Blighted Property Rehabilitation (BPR) Program, and the Program Policy as on file in the City Clerk's Office, are hereby approved; the Community Development Department is authorized and directed to administer the Program in accordance with the Program Policy; and the City Manager is authorized and directed to execute Program project contracts up to and including \$50,000 each following approval as to form by the Legal Department, and to submit contracts in excess of \$50,000 each to City Council.

(Council Communication No. 18-013)

MOVED BY Gatto TO ADOPT; refer to the City Manager to amend the policy by striking the comma after "ineligibility" in Section D.

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Glenna K. Frank  
Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

| COUNCIL ACTION | YEAS | NAYS | PASS | ABSENT |
|----------------|------|------|------|--------|
| COWNIE         | ✓    |      |      |        |
| BOESEN         | ✓    |      |      |        |
| COLEMAN        | ✓    |      |      |        |
| GATTO          | ✓    |      |      |        |
| GRAY           | ✓    |      |      |        |
| MANDELBAUM     | ✓    |      |      |        |
| WESTERGAARD    | ✓    |      |      |        |
| TOTAL          | 7    |      |      |        |

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED  
T. M. Franklin-Coville 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