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Date December 17, 2018

**STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR PROPOSED COUNCIL ACTION
REGARDING SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION OF THE
IMPOSITION A LOCAL OPTION SALES AND SERVICES TAX TO
REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA**

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 423B.1(4)(b)(2) authorizes a county commissioner of elections of a qualified county, including Polk County, to submit the question of the imposition of a local option sales and services tax to the registered voters of a city located in the qualified county, upon receipt of a motion on or after January 1, 2019 from the city council of a city located in such qualified county; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is appropriate for the residents of the City of Des Moines to have an opportunity to vote at the earliest opportunity on a local option sales and services tax to be imposed in the City, in order to provide property tax relief and funds for streets and infrastructure improvements, flood prevention, public safety, improvements in neighborhoods, and other lawful purposes; and

WHEREAS, to enable the opportunity to vote at the earliest opportunity, it is in the interests of the City of Des Moines and its residents to notify the Polk County Commissioner of Elections of the City Council's intent to consider and adopt a resolution and motion on January 2, 2019 to request that the Commissioner submit the question of the imposition for an unlimited time of a one percent (1%) local sales and services tax to the registered voters of the portion of the incorporated area of the City that is located in Polk County and to notify the Commissioner of the City Council's intent to submit and file such motion with the Commissioner on January 2, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that this City Council hereby expresses its intent to consider and adopt a resolution and motion at the special City Council meeting to be scheduled on January 2, 2019 to request that the Polk County Commissioner of Elections submit the question of the imposition for an unlimited time of a one percent (1%) local sales and services tax to the registered voters of the portion of the incorporated area of the City of Des Moines, Iowa that is located in Polk County, Iowa and the City Council hereby further expresses its intent to submit and file such resolution and motion with the Commissioner on January 2, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager and City Clerk are hereby directed to provide the Polk County Commissioner of Elections and the Polk County Board of Supervisors with notice of the City Council's intent to consider, adopt and file the above-referenced resolution and motion on January 2, 2019.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager and the City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to assist and coordinate with the Polk County Commissioner of Elections in the preparation and scheduling of timely publication of all notices to enable the potential holding of an election on the proposed imposition of a local sales and services tax on the first possible special election date being March 5, 2019.

Moved by Boesen to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lawrence R. McDowell
Deputy City Attorney

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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.

Mayor signature

Diane Rauh City Clerk