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Date December 17, 2018

**APPROVING LOCAL OPTION SALES AND SERVICES TAX REVENUE  
EXPENDITURE POLICY**

WHEREAS, by separate resolution of this date, the City Council of the City of Des Moines stated its intent for proposed Council action regarding submission of the question of imposition of a local option sales and services tax on the portion of the incorporated area of the City that is located in Polk County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, by separate resolution of this date, the City Council gave initial consideration and preliminarily approved the ballot proposition language for the proposed imposition of a local option sales and services tax; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Des Moines and its residents to provide the City Manager with an approved policy specifying the expenditure of local option sales and services tax revenues ("LOSST Policy") consistent with the allocated uses set forth in the ballot proposition language for property tax relief, street improvements, flood prevention, neighborhood improvements and public safety which approved LOSST Policy shall be utilized and followed by the City Manager in preparation of and incorporation in the City annual operating budgets and City capital improvement program plans to be submitted to the City Council for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the LOSST Policy set forth in this paragraph is hereby approved and, in the event the imposition of the local option sales and services tax is approved at election, the City Manager is hereby directed to follow and apply this LOSST Policy for the allocation and expenditure of local option sales and services tax revenues and the City Manager shall utilize and follow this LOSST Policy in preparation of and incorporation in the City annual operating budgets and City capital improvement program plans to be submitted to the City Council for approval:

- (a) 50% allocation for property tax relief -
  - (i) \$0.60 reduction to the total tax levy rate for the City per \$1,000 valuation on regular property; and
  - (ii) The City Council acknowledges that the City Manager has identified the additional financial resources that are necessary to maintain acceptable levels of City services and neighborhood investments which, without the availability of local option sales and services tax revenues, would require an additional increase to the total tax levy rate for the City on regular property of \$1.50 per \$1,000 valuation; and
  - (iii) This City Council acknowledgment reflects City Council's intent to stabilize the total tax levy rate for the City on regular property and avoid any such increase.

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- (b) 50% allocation for lawful purposes of the City -
  - (i) Street improvements and flood prevention
    - Accelerating completion of street improvements under the five-year street maintenance improvement plan. Streets improvements initially identified for the accelerated completion include, but are not limited to Fleur Drive, Pennsylvania Avenue and East Court Avenue.
    - Accelerating completion of storm water improvements to reduce the impact of future flooding including, but not limited to Four Mile Creek, Closes Creek, Yeader Creek, and other areas susceptible to flooding.
  - (ii) Neighborhood improvements
    - Establish a Blitz on Blight effort involving a significant investment for removing blight in neighborhoods throughout the City.
    - Other substantial improvements to neighborhoods throughout the City including, but not limited to, streets, sidewalks, parks as required to meet and maintain community standards for condition and use.
    - Expansion of requirements for rental housing in neighborhoods with stronger enforcement.
    - Expand hours of operation for libraries.
  - (iii) Public safety improvements and expenditures
    - Fire station improvements throughout the City.
    - Provide ongoing funding for 13 firefighter positions for which federal funding expired in December 2018.
    - Modernize public safety equipment and expand training.
    - Provide additional support for mobile crisis services to accommodate youth.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that following each fiscal year, the City Manager shall prepare a report showing the actual use of local option sales and services tax revenues consistent with the LOSST Policy.

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.

J. M. Frankh... Mayor

Diane Rauh City Clerk