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Agenda Item Number

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Date November 18, 2019

DIRECTION TO THE CITY MANAGER REGARDING A TAX LEVY RATE DECREASE FOR THE HOMEOWNERS AND SMALL BUSINESSES OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council acknowledge that affordable homes and neighborhoods are critical to the success of our City; and

WHEREAS, keeping property taxes low is critical to ensuring our City remains affordable; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have already lowered the City's total property tax levy rate by 60 cents per \$1,000 in value in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City has new revenue from the Local Option Sales and Services Tax and the City's homeowners are experiencing rising home values; and

WHEREAS, at the November 18, 2019 Council Work Session, the Mayor proposed decreasing the total property tax rate an additional 40 cents per \$1000 in valuation and the Council believes that such an additional decrease is appropriate and for the benefit of its citizens and small business owners resulting in a cumulative total property tax levy decrease of \$1 in 2019, to the lowest tax rate in 24 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA:

That the City Manager is hereby directed to produce a recommended budget to the City Council for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year, which reduces the City's total property tax levy by at least an additional 40 cents per \$1000 in valuation.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Moved by Boesen to adopt.

Jeffrey D. Lester
City Attorney

Table with 5 columns: COUNCIL ACTION, YEAS, NAYS, PASS, ABSENT. Rows include COWNIE, BOESEN, COLEMAN, GATTO, GRAY, MANDELBAUM, WESTERGAARD, and TOTAL (YEAS: 7).

CERTIFICATE

I, P. Kay Cmelik, 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.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

J. M. Franklin Cownie Mayor

P. Kay Cmelik City Clerk