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Date October 19, 2020

RESOLUTION APPROVING TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATIONS
FOR ADDITIONAL VALUE ADDED BY IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED
DURING 2020
(207 separate applications)

WHEREAS, the Iowa Urban Revitalization Act, Chapter 404, Code of Iowa (the "Act"), provides for partial exemption from property tax for the actual value added by improvements to property located in a designated Urban Revitalization Area which are consistent with the Urban Revitalization Plan for such Area; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides that persons making improvements may apply to the City Council for tax abatement, and the City Council shall approve the application by resolution, subject to review by the County Assessor, if it finds: (a) the project is located in a designated Urban Revitalization Area; (b) the project is in conformance with the Urban Revitalization Plan for such area; and (c) the improvements were made during the time the area was so designated; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the Des Moines City Council passed Ordinance No. 11,026 designating the entire area within the corporate boundaries of the City of Des Moines on July 6, 1987, as a revitalization area (the "City-wide Urban Revitalization Area"); and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the 2011-1 Omnibus Amendment to the City's urban revitalization plans which was approved by the City Council on December 5, 2011, by Roll Call No. 11-2085, all the territory within the City of Des Moines as of January 1, 2012, was consolidated into the City-wide Urban Revitalization Area, and any territory thereafter annexed into the City are added to the City-wide Urban Revitalization Area effective upon annexation; and,

WHEREAS, the City-wide Urban Revitalization Plan provides that in order to qualify for tax exemption eligibility, the improvements must be completed in accordance with all applicable zoning and other regulations of the City; and,

WHEREAS, two hundred and seven (207) applications for tax abatement for improvements to property completed in 2020 have been received, reviewed and recommended for approval by City staff as further described in the accompanying council communication.

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

- 1) The Applications for tax abatement are hereby received.

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- 2) The following findings with respect to the Applications are hereby adopted:
 - a) Each of the applications are for a project located in the City-wide Urban Revitalization Area; each project is in conformance with the Urban Revitalization Plan for the City-wide Urban Revitalization Area; and the improvements described in the Applications were made during the time the applicable area was so designated.
 - b) Each of the applications is for improvements completed in 2020.
 - c) Each of the applications appear to have been timely filed with the City before February 1, 2021.
- 3) Each of the Applications are approved subject to review by the County Assessor under Section 404.5 of the Act, for exemption according to the schedules noted on each Application.
- 4) The City Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this resolution and the Applications to the County Assessor.

(Council Communication No. 20-460)

MOVED by Boesen to adopt, and to request that the Polk County Assessor apply the tax abatement to the valuation existing on January 1, 2021, and the property taxes payable beginning in FY2021/22. Council member Gatto declares a conflict of interest and abstains from voting.

FORM APPROVED:

/s/ Thomas G. Fisher Jr.
 Thomas G. Fisher Jr.
 Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
*GATTO				
GRAY	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
VOSS	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	6			

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

J. M. Franklin Cownie
 Mayor

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.

P. Kay Cmelik

City Clerk