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Agenda Item Number

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Date May 24, 2021

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines Development Services Department periodically recommends adoption of a schedule of Construction Permit Fees to cover the costs of provision of this service to the community, with the most recent Construction Permit fee schedule amendment being adopted by the City Council on December 15, 2019 by Resolution Number 19-2039; and

WHEREAS, the Development Services Department has been taking steps to make the residential construction permit process simpler and more transparent, including transitioning to new EnerGov permitting software on June 21, 2021, and studying the feasibility of adoption of a 'flat fee' approach for residential construction permits; and

WHEREAS, staff research behind a flat-fee approach has resulted in feedback from the community of home builders, residential remodelers, and trades contractors, and from the City's Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals, indicating that this approach would serve to enhance predictability of the cost of permits and improve the permit issuance experience for applicants; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of 'flat fees' can be accomplished by adoption of an amended fee schedule to a reflect the flat fees for residential construction with an effective date that will coincide with the EnerGov implementation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the amendments to the schedule of fees for construction permits to establish a residential construction permit 'flat fee' rate structure is hereby adopted with an effective date of June 21, 2021.

Council Communication No. 21- 236

MOVED BY Gatto TO ADOPT.

FORM APPROVED: Judy K. Parks-Kruse, Assistant City Attorney

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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.

J. M. Franklin, Mayor

P. Kay Cmelik, City Clerk