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Date July 17, 2023

**RESOLUTION APPROVING 55 TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATIONS  
FOR WORK COMPLETED IN IN 2023**

**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 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**, the City-wide Urban Revitalization Plan provides that 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**, 55 applications for tax abatement have been received for qualifying improvements completed after December 31, 2022, which are now on file and available for inspection by the public in the office of the City Clerk; and,

**WHEREAS**, each of the applications have been reviewed and are now 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.
2. The following findings are hereby adopted with respect to the 2023 applications:
  - 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 2023.
  - c. Each of the applications were timely filed with the City by February 1, 2024.



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- d. City staff recommends that City Council approve the tax abatement applications for the building improvements existing on January 1, 2024.
- 3. Each of the attached applications is 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. 23-342)

MOVED by Gatto to adopt and to approve the applications for the total number of years in the applicable exemption schedule, with the schedule to commence with the taxes payable in FY2023/24.

SECOND by Boesen

FORM APPROVED:

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

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
SHEUMAKER				✓
MANDELBAUM	✓			
VOSS	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	4			1

CERTIFICATE

I, LAURA BAUMGARTNER, 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

Laura Baumgartner City Clerk