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Date July 22, 2024

**DIRECTIONS TO CITY MANAGER WHEN IMPLEMENTING AN ORDINANCE
PROHIBITING SLEEPING AND CAMPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2024, the City of Des Moines considered a new ordinance prohibiting sleeping and camping on certain public property; and,

WHEREAS, the City desires to develop policies to implement this ordinance, provide necessary services and access to services; and,

WHEREAS, the City desires to assist in reducing perceived and actual barriers for people to use emergency shelters.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that to address perceived and actual barriers to emergency shelter use, the City Manager is directed to:

1. Work with shelter operators, discuss current shelter practices and policies, and identify ways to reduce barriers to emergency shelter use.
2. Establish an agreement with an animal services provider to shelter animals of unhoused individuals in Des Moines while individuals seek emergency shelter.
3. Identify secured personal storage options for unhoused individuals.
4. Establish a process making transportation available from campsites to emergency shelter for individuals interested in entering emergency shelter.

MOVED by Coleman to adopt with these additions: 1. Add public restrooms to many of the City parking garages. 2. Have four outreach workers to work directly with the Des Moines homeless population to provide services. 3. Hire a hearing officer to expedite hearings in a shorter timeframe.

Second by Gatto.

Motion by Gatto to receive and file document from Angie Arthur. Second by Mandelbaum.
Motion Carried 7-0.

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FORM APPROVED:

/s/ Thomas G. Fisher Jr.

Thomas G. Fisher Jr.
Deputy City Attorney

| COUNCIL ACTION | YEAS | NAYS | PASS | ABSENT |
|----------------|------|------|------|--------|
| BOESEN | ✓ | | | |
| SIMONSON | ✓ | | | |
| VOSS | ✓ | | | |
| COLEMAN | ✓ | | | |
| WESTERGAARD | ✓ | | | |
| MANDELBAUM | ✓ | | | |
| GATTO | ✓ | | | |
| TOTAL | 7 | | | |

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

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.

Connie Boesen Mayor

Laura Baumgartner City Clerk