



Roll Call Number

24-1277

Agenda Item Number

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Date September 16, 2024

An Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, as heretofore amended, is hereby amended, by amending Sections 102-8, 102-615 and 3-23, relating to abandoned property and the removal of encroachments",

which was considered and voted upon for the first time under Roll Call No. 24- 1028 of July 22, 2024, and considered and voted upon for the second time under Roll Call No. 24- 1097 of August 5, 2024, again presented.

Moved by Coleman that this ordinance does now pass ; and give approval for the City Manager to implement the attached strategies, except item 9, as a unified strategy for the City of Des Moines. Second by Gatto.

ORDINANCE NO. 16,381

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN	✓			
SIMONSON		✓		
VOSS	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
MANDELBAUM		✓		
GATTO	✓			
TOTAL	5	2		

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

City Plan for Camping and Assistance for Homeless residents:

Coleman moves to give approval for the City Manager to implement these strategies as a unified strategy for the City of Des Moines.

Item 1: Work with shelter operators, discuss current shelter practices and policies, and identify ways to **reduce barriers to emergency shelter use.**

Item 2: Establish an agreement with an animal services provider to **shelter animals** of unhoused individuals in Des Moines while individuals seek emergency shelter.

Item 3: Identify secured **personal storage** options for unhoused individuals.

Item 4: Establish a process making **transportation** available from camp

Item 5: Add **public restrooms** to many of the City parking garages.

Item 6: Have **four outreach workers** to work directly with the Des Moines homeless population to provide services.

Item 7: Hire a **hearing officer** to expedite hearings in a shorter timeframe.

Item 8: Amending the Municipal Code relating to **abandoned property and the removal of encroachments.**

(Sections 102-8, 102-615 & 3-23)

Item 9: Amending Municipal Code relating to **prohibited camping.** *(Chapter 102) Except this item for 69.*

Item #10

Housing Problem Solving Fund (Diversion Fund)

DIRECT CITY MANAGER TO REALLOCATE \$50,000 TO CREATE FUND TO MAXIMIZE IMPACT OF OUTREACH WORKERS AND HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES.

- These funds WILL fill gaps that other funding sources typically don't cover. They are meant to be deployed quickly and flexibly.
- They use creative problem-solving to help people resolve their unique needs and reduce the need for shelter.
- Some example uses to consider:
 - Rental **application fees**
 - **Moving expenses** to move into housing
 - Fees for securing **identification documents**
 - **Transportation** costs for participants that want to **connect with their support system** (family reunification and more)
 - **Bus tickets** or other transportation costs related to employment
 - Essential household needs, like **cleaning supplies**
 - **Rental deposits** (*current funding for Rapid Rehousing can also support rental deposits*)
- The Gaps Analysis called out a flex fund as defined as: "A flex fund ...used for activities directly related to acquiring housing and/or building economic self-sufficiency to support lease payment obligations."
- This will support other efforts underway
- Private sector donations and gifts will leverage city funds.

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• Item #12 Mayor Boesen - next page.

There are some additional things that I am asking the City Manager to look into

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1. Palette homes – find a location that the city owns that might be used to put palette homes

Geared for families, seniors and LGBTQ people experiencing homelessness

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2. Changing the ordinance that churches can use their parking lots to allow people to camp and that would enable them to open their facilities for facilities, warming locations and cool expectations

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3. Work to find a designated campsite for people to camp on a short term basis