



Roll Call Number

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Date February 24, 2025

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DES MOINES, CITY OF WEST DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, AND HOME OPPORTUNITIES MADE EASY, INCORPORATED FOR PROVISION OF SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

WHEREAS, on or about November 17, 2022, more than 50 community leaders came together for a workshop hosted by A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy and Grounded Solutions to learn about the model of community land trusts and their impact on permanently protecting investments in affordable home ownership; and

WHEREAS, on or about November 1, 2023, the City of Des Moines entered a contract with the Champlain Housing Trust (“CHT”) for technical assistance services to explore the options and feasibility of creating a community land trust locally; and

WHEREAS, in January 2024, a Community Land Trust Advisory Committee was selected to work with CHT to review local data and better define a community land trust for the Des Moines and surrounding area housing market; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2024, the Community Land Trust Advisory Committee concluded its work and issued a summary report of recommendations including proceeding with forming a community land trust and negotiating with Home Opportunities Made Easy, Incorporated (HOME, Inc.) to provide contracted operations services to form and run the community land trust; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Des Moines and West Des Moines, along with Polk County and HOME, Inc. have negotiated an agreement pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 28E in form on file in the office of the City Clerk, setting forth the details of incorporating and establishing the proposed community land trust (the “Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, on or about February 11, 2025, Polk County Board of Supervisors approved the Agreement.

WHEREAS, on or about February 17, 2025, the City Council of West Des Moines approved the Agreement.

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

1. The Agreement by and between the City of Des Moines, Iowa, City of West Des Moines, Iowa, Polk County, Iowa and HOME, Inc. in the form on file in the Office of the City Clerk is hereby approved.
2. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to sign 28E Agreement.



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- 3. The Finance Department and Neighborhood Services Department staff are authorized and directed to provide payment in accordance therewith when applicable and to otherwise administer the Agreement as provided for therein.

(Council Communication No. 25-082)

MOVED BY Gatto to adopt. SECOND BY Voss

Approved as to form: /s/ Gary D. Goudelock Jr. Gary D. Goudelock Jr Assistant City Attorney

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

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

Connie Boesen Mayor

Laura Baumgartner City Clerk