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Date May 19, 2025

RESOLUTION SETTING HEARING ON REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF DES MOINES (OWNER), REPRESENTED BY DWAYNE MYERS (OFFICER), FOR DESIGNATION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 602 ROBERT D. RAY DRIVE, INCLUDING THE ARGONNE ARMORY (ARMORY AND WORLD WAR MEMORIAL BUILDING) AS A LOCAL LANDMARK

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines (owner), represented by Dwayne Myers (officer), located at 602 Robert D. Ray Drive ("Property"), have made application to designate the Argonne Armory Building (Armory and World War Memorial Building), as a Local Landmark named "Argonne Armory Building"; and

WHEREAS, the Property is legally described as follows:

A PART OF ROBERT D. RAY DRIVE RIGHT OF WAY, AS PRESENTLY ESTABLISHED AND A PART OF DES MOINES STREET RIGHT OF WAY, AS PRESENTLY ESTABLISHED, LYING SOUTH OF AND ADJACENT TO LOT 3, BLOCK 1 OF EAST FORT DES MOINES AND ALL OF VACATED DES MOINES STREET AS DESCRIBED IN ORDINANCE 2038 AND ALL OF LOTS 2 AND 3, BLOCK 1, EAST FORT DES MOINES AND A PART OF LOT 1, BLOCK 2, EAST FORT DES MOINES AND A PART OF LOT 14, THE SIBLEY ADDITION, ALL BEING OFFICIAL PLATS, NOW INCLUDED IN AND FORMING A PART OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2; THENCE SOUTH 15°(DEGREES) 18'(MINUTES) 26"(SECONDS) EAST, 54.89 FEET; THENCE NORTH 74° 41'34" EAST, 13.08 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 15° 18'26" EAST, 26.43 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 74° 41'34" WEST, 13.08 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 15° 18'26" EAST, 95.60 FEET; THENCE NORTH 74° 41'34" EAST, 13.08 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 15° 18'26" EAST, 26.46 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 74° 41'34" WEST, 13.08 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 15° 18'26" EAST, 49.44 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 74° 41'34" WEST, 125.52 FEET; THENCE NORTH 15° 18'26" WEST, 253.02 FEET; THENCE NORTH 74° 47'04" EAST, 125.52 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 32440 SQUARE FEET.

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2024, the Historic Preservation Commission voted 7-0 to recommend that the "Argonne Armory" (Armory and World War Memorial Building) be designated a local Landmark; and

WHEREAS, the City Plan and Zoning Commission has advised that at a public hearing held on July 18, 2024, its members voted 13-0 in support of a motion to recommend **APPROVAL** of a request from the City of Des Moines (Owner), to designate the "Argonne Armory" (Armory and World War Memorial Building) as a Local Landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Des Moines Municipal Code Section 58-60 requires a public hearing be held before the City Council to consider this application.

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

1. That the attached communication from the Plan and Zoning Commission is hereby received and filed.
2. That the meeting of the City Council at which the proposed landmark designation application is to be considered, and at which time the City Council will hear both those who oppose and those who favor the proposal, shall be held at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa, at 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2025.
3. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said proposal in the



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accompanying form to be given by publication once, not less than four (4) days and not more than twenty (20) days before the date of hearing, all as specified in Section 362.3 of the Iowa Code.

MOVED BY Gatto TO ADOPT.

SECOND BY Voss.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Lisa A. Wieland

Lisa A. Wieland

Assistant City Attorney

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

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Connie Boesen

Mayor

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.

Laura Baumgartner

City Clerk