



Date June 9, 2025

RESOLUTION CLOSING HEARING AND APPROVING 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" (Armory and World War Memorial 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, the application contains detailed references and explanation regarding the historical nature of the building located at 602 Robert D. Ray Drive; and,

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



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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 to consider the application; and,

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2025, by Roll Call No. 25-0736, it was duly resolved by the City Council that the request for Local Landmark Designation be set down for hearing on June 9, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., to be held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, due notice of the hearing was published in the Des Moines Register, as provided by law, setting forth the time and place for hearing on said proposed Local Landmark Designation.

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

1. The public hearing on the application is hereby closed.
2. The “Argonne Armory” meets the requirements of Des Moines Municipal Code section 58-58 to be designated as a local landmark because the Property located at 75 East Army Post Road:
 - Is significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, and culture; and
 - Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; and,
 - Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.
3. The City Council accepts the recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission and the Plan and Zoning Commission and grants the application of the City of Des Moines to have the “Argonne Armory” designated a local landmark.
4. The City Clerk is directed to file the designation and description of the “Argonne Armory” with the Development Services Department and record this resolution as

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the designation and description of "Argonne Armory" in the office of the Polk County Recorder.

Moved by Mandelbaum 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		

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