

**Roll Call Number**25-1013**Agenda Item Number**49**Date** July 14, 2025

**RECEIVE AND FILE THE DES MOINES CITYWIDE HOUSING STRATEGY  
WITH AMENDMENTS AND REFER THE STRATEGY TO THE CITY MANAGER TO  
DIRECT PREPARATION OF INDIVIDUAL ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE COUNCIL  
CONSIDERATION**

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2024, in Roll Call No. 24-0892, the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement with czb LLC (Charles Buki, President, 48 Front Street, Suite 201, Bath, Maine 04530) to assist the City with researching, compiling information and public input, and drafting the City's first Citywide Housing Strategy; and,

WHEREAS, czb LLC presented information and discussed the Citywide Housing Strategy at three (3) City Council Workshops (1/13/2025, 2/10/2025, and 5/12/2025) and six (6) Steering Committee meetings (10/1/2024, 11/6/2024, 12/3/2024, 1/14/2025, 2/11/2025 and 5/12/2025); conducted two (2) on-line public surveys; and had numerous discussions with the City Manager and members of the Internal Technical Committee; and,

WHEREAS, czb developed a strategy that has been available and posted publicly on the website for the City of Des Moines and the strategy is designed to be both comprehensive and actionable, grounded in fiscal realities while addressing Des Moines' estimated \$3 billion affordability gap and \$1 billion market gap; and,

WHEREAS, the strategy includes steps to strengthen existing neighborhoods, with broader focus is on ensuring long-term affordability, increasing housing diversity, leveraging both public and private resources for maximum impact, and strengthening existing housing stock to ensure safe and livable environments; and,

WHEREAS, the strategy document is completed, and the City now needs to proceed with specific steps to implement portions of the plan.

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

1. The Des Moines Citywide Housing Strategy with amendments and is hereby received and filed.
2. The overall strategy is referred to the City Manager to direct preparation of individual action items for future consideration by the Des Moines City Council.



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Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Thomas G. Fisher Jr.

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Deputy 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