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Date November 17, 2025

ESTABLISHING THE FOOD SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, has previously authorized and supported initiatives to strengthen the local food system, improve food access, and promote food sustainability through the work of the Food Security Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Food Security Task Force successfully advanced recommendations that improved urban agriculture opportunities, increased resident access to local food, and informed ordinance updates to allow greater flexibility for urban farming, orchards, and related activities; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager's Office and City staff across multiple departments continue to identify opportunities to continue sustainability work through a permanent advisory structure to advance food system goals identified in ADAPT DSM, the City's climate action and resilience plan; and

WHEREAS, City Staff have identified the creation of a Food Sustainability Advisory Committee (FSAC) as such an opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the FSAC would be to build upon the work of the prior Task Forces by advising the City Manager and City Council on policies, ordinances, and initiatives that promote a sustainable food system, including food production, food distribution, rescue, preservation, and access, as well as the integration of food considerations into land use, health, and economic development policy; and

WHEREAS, the FSAC shall consist of approximately 7-11 members appointed by the City Council based on subject matter expertise, serving two-year terms, as provided in the Committee's Charter; and

WHEREAS, the FSAC will be supported by staff liaisons from the Office of Economic Development who will coordinate the Committee's meetings, facilitate research, and facilitate an internal City staff working group on food sustainability to support implementation of the Committee's recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Committee shall meet regularly, in accordance with its Charter which is attached hereto and a copy of which will be maintained in the Office of the City Clerk, to evaluate and recommend City policies, programs, and partnerships that strengthen the local food system, support food-based entrepreneurship, and advance the climate resilience and food access goals of ADAPT DSM and PlanDSM;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the Charter for the Food Sustainability Advisory Committee is hereby approved and the Food

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Sustainability Advisory Committee is hereby established as a standing advisory body to the City Manager and City Council, composed of approximately 7-11 members appointed based on relevant experience in urban agriculture, public health, nutrition, food rescue, food distribution, human services, or related sectors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee shall operate in accordance with the Charter attached hereto and as may be amended from time to time by the City Manager's Office following a majority vote of the Committee, and that Office of Economic Development staff are directed to serve as primary liaisons to the Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Food Sustainability Advisory Committee shall meet monthly, maintain written minutes, and bring forward recommendations to the City Council for consideration related to policies, programs, and other actions supporting food sustainability and alignment with ADAPT DSM.

MOVED by Voss to adopt. SECOND by Coleman

(Council Communication No. 25-436)

FORM APPROVED:

/s/ Gary D. Goudelock Jr.
 Gary D. Goudelock Jr.
 Assistant City Attorney

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.

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

Connie Boesen Mayor

Laura Baumgartner City Clerk