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**SET HEARING FOR VACATION OF A SEGMENT OF DES MOINES STREET  
RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED WEST OF ROBERT D. RAY DRIVE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Des Moines (“City) is preparing to sell the Armory Building located at 602 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa (“hereinafter “Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, on October 12, 1912, the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa passed Ordinance No. 2038 vacating a portion, but not all of Des Moines Street right-of-way located immediately west of East First Street, now known as Robert D. Ray Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, when a current survey of the Property was completed, it was discovered that the remaining segment of Des Moines Street right-of-way located west of Robert D. Ray Drive will need to be vacated in order to clear title to the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no known current or future public need or benefit for the right-of-way proposed to be vacated and the City will not be inconvenienced by the vacation of said right-of-way, subject to the reservation of any necessary easements for all existing utilities in place until such time as they may be abandoned or relocated.

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

1. That the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, shall consider adoption of an ordinance permanently vacating a segment of Des Moines Street right-of-way located west of Robert D. Ray Drive, legally described as follows, subject to the reservation of any necessary easements for all existing utilities in place until such time as they may be abandoned or relocated:

DES MOINES STREET LYING BETWEEN BLOCKS 1 AND 2, EAST FORT DES MOINES  
(EXCEPT THE AREA PREVIOUSLY VACATED AS DESCRIBED IN ORDINANCE  
2038).

2. That the meeting of the City Council at which the proposed vacation of said right-of-way and adoption of said ordinance are to be considered shall be on January 12, 2026, said hearing to be held at 5:00 p.m., in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa. At that time the City Council will consider the above-described proposal, and any other(s) submitted prior to or during the public hearing. Persons interested in the proposal will be given the opportunity to express their views at that hearing.

3. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of said proposal in the form hereto attached all in accordance with §362.3 of the Iowa Code.



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Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Grant Hyland

Grant Hyland, Assistant City Attorney

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

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Laura Baumgartner

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

Laura Baumgartner, City Clerk