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Date February 23, 2026

WAIVER AND CONSENT TO CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN REPRESENTATION BY AHLERS & COONEY, PC OF THE DES MOINES INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN NEGOTIATING BUS TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT FOR PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT SUMMER CAMP

WHEREAS, Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. represents the Des Moines Independent Community School District ("District") as general counsel and the City of Des Moines in various matters, including economic development matters, real estate matters, and as bond counsel; and

WHEREAS, the District and the City are negotiating terms for an agreement for the use of District buses to provide transportation for the City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department 2026 summer camp; and

WHEREAS, the District would like to use Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. for representation in the negotiation and drafting of the proposed agreement which requires a consent and waiver as to the conflict from the District and the City; and

WHEREAS, the City's legal representation in said matters will be provided by an Assistant City Attorney.

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

- 1. That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the waiver and consent to an actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest associated with Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.'s representation of the District in the above-described matter
2. That the City Attorney is authorized to withdraw and terminate such waiver and consent for any reason, in his sole discretion, should he determine that termination of the waiver and consent is appropriate.

Moved by Gatto to adopt.

Second by Vass.



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Approved as to form:

/s Cassie A. Bonefas

Cassie A. Bonefas  
Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN	✓			
SIMONSON	✓			
VOSS	✓			
BARRON	✓			
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