



Date June 8, 2026

RESOLUTION FOR RECERTIFICATION OF 44 RECOGNIZED NEIGHBORHOODS AND CONDITIONAL RECERTIFICATION OF TWO (2) NEIGHBORHOODS

WHEREAS, on May 24, 1993, by Roll Call No. 93-2026, the City Council approved the Neighborhood Recognition Policy which establishes procedures for the formal recognition of neighborhoods by the City of Des Moines, and authorizes recognized neighborhoods to advise the City on issues of concern; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Recognition Policy requires that each recognized neighborhood complete and return an annual application for recertification to the Neighborhood Services Department; and

WHEREAS, during the 2026 annual application for recertification process, Neighborhood Services staff received completed surveys from recognized neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the below neighborhoods are found to be in compliance with the Neighborhood Recognition Policy and Neighborhood Services staff have reviewed the materials and recommend to the City Council that the City of Des Moines recertify the following 44 Recognized Neighborhoods: and

- 1. ACCENT 20. King Irving
2. Beaverville 21. Linden Heights
3. Brook Run 22. Lower Beaver
4. Capitol Park 23. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park
5. Chautauqua Park 24. McKinley School/Columbus Park
6. Cheatom Park 25. Merle Hay
7. Douglas Acres 26. Mondamin Presidential
8. Downtown Des Moines 27. North of Grand
9. Drake 28. Prospect Park
10. Easter Lake Area 29. River Bend
11. Fairground 30. River Woods
12. Fairmont Park 31. Salisbury Oaks
13. Good Park 32. Sheridan Gardens
14. Gray's Lake 33. Sherman Hill
15. Gray's Woods 34. South Central DSM
16. Highland Park/Oak Park 35. Southwestern Hills
17. Historic East Village 36. Union Park
18. Indianola Hills 37. Valley High Manor
19. Ingersoll Park 38. Waterbury



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- 39. Watrous Heights
- 40. Watrous South
- 41. Waveland Park

- 42. Waveland Woods
- 43. Westwood
- 44. Woodland Heights

WHEREAS, the below neighborhoods are found to be missing certain items required for compliance with the Neighborhood Recognition Policy, therefore, City staff recommends conditional recertification through March 30, 2027, to provide an opportunity to come into compliance with the Neighborhood Recognition Policy or explore mergers with adjacent neighborhood associations:

- 1. Capitol East
- 2. Greenwood Historic

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that these 44 Recognized Neighborhoods listed above are hereby recertified as Recognized Neighborhoods and that Capitol East and Greenwood Historic Neighborhood Associations are conditionally recognized effective immediately.

(COUNCIL COMMUNICATION NO. 26-195)

MOVED BY Gatto TO APPROVE.

SECOND BY Voss

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
/s/ Gary D. Goudelock Jr.  
 Gary D. Goudelock Jr.

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