



**Roll Call Number**

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**Date** March 10, 2025

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SATISFACTION OF JUDGMENT LIENS  
IMPACTING 3004 COLUMBIA STREET, 314 E. SHERIDAN AVENUE, AND 6214 SW 3RD  
STREET**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Des Moines filed a lawsuit (Case No. EQCE087729) and obtained a judgment in 2022 against Daniel R. Martinez in the amount of \$38,875.27, in relation to nuisance abatement and enforcement costs and court costs, which lien encumbers the real property owned by Daniel R. Martinez and located at 3004 Columbia Street in the Highland Park Neighborhood in Des Moines (“Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Des Moines filed a lawsuit (Case No. EQCE087543) and obtained a judgment in 2023 against Antonio Williams, Sr. in the amount of \$64,889.67, in relation to nuisance abatement and enforcement costs and court costs, which lien encumbers the real property owned by Antonio Williams, Sr. and located at 314 E Sheridan Avenue in the Union Park Neighborhood in Des Moines (“Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Des Moines filed a lawsuit (Case No. EQCE088348) and obtained a judgment in 2022 against H. Kemp Reynolds; K. Pat Reynolds; Janet Lee Reynolds in the amount of \$30,372.57, in relation to nuisance abatement and enforcement costs and court costs, which lien encumbers the real property owned by H. Kemp Reynolds; K. Pat Reynolds; Janet Lee Reynolds and located at 6214 SW 3rd Street in the South Central DSM Neighborhood in Des Moines (“Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, Neighborhood Services Department staff inventoried properties that have City judgment liens, were public nuisances in which the primary structure was demolished by the City, that have unpaid taxes, liens, and conditions negatively affecting their marketable title.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Iowa Code section 657.2A prevents properties that are the subject of nuisance abatement actions from being offered for tax sale until the judgement is satisfied or the abatement action is dismissed; and

**WHEREAS**, the City’s Neighborhood Services Department staff have reviewed the judgment lien and nuisance abatement status and have determined that it would be in the City’s best interest to release and satisfy the above-listed judgment liens to allow for the property to be sold at tax sale or otherwise transferred and placed back into productive use.

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

1. The City approves waiving the amount due to the City as a result of the judgment entered in EQCE087729, releasing Daniel R. Martinez from liability pursuant to said judgment and showing such judgment as satisfied in the records of the Polk County, Iowa, District Court Clerk.
2. The City approves waiving the amount due to the City as a result of the judgment entered in EQCE087543, releasing Antonio Williams, Sr. from liability pursuant to said judgment and showing such judgment as satisfied in the records of the Polk County, Iowa, District Court Clerk.
3. The City approves waiving the amount due to the City as a result of the judgment entered in EQCE088348, releasing H. Kemp Reynolds; K. Pat Reynolds; and Janet Lee Reynolds from liability pursuant to said judgment and showing such judgment as satisfied in the records of the Polk County, Iowa, District Court Clerk.



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- 4. The Legal Department is authorized and directed to take all necessary action to release and satisfy the judgment lien as described above.
- 5. The Neighborhood Services Department is directed to monitor 3004 Columbia Street, 314 E Sheridan Avenue; and 6214 SW 3rd Street and if offered at a future tax sale and eligible for City request to seek the tax certificates.

(Council Communication No. 25-088)

Moved by Gatto to adopt.

Second by Voss

FORM APPROVED:

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

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