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Date May 4, 2026

**RESOLUTION APPROVING 101 TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATIONS
FOR WORK COMPLETED IN 2026**

WHEREAS, the Iowa Urban Revitalization Act, Chapter 404, Code of Iowa (the "Act"), provides for partial exemption from property tax for the actual value added by improvements to property located in a designated urban revitalization area which are consistent with the urban revitalization plan for such area; and,

WHEREAS, the Act provides that persons making improvements may apply to the City Council for tax abatement, and the City Council shall approve the application by resolution, subject to review by the County Assessor, if it finds: (a) the project as proposed in the application is in a designated urban revitalization area; (b) the project as proposed in the application is in conformance with the urban revitalization plan for such area; and (c) the improvements as proposed in the application were made during the time the area was so designated; and,

WHEREAS, the City-wide Urban Revitalization Plan provides that to qualify for tax exemption eligibility, the improvements must be completed in accordance with all applicable zoning and other regulations of the City; and,

WHEREAS, 101 applications for tax abatement have been received for qualifying improvements completed after December 31, 2025, which are now on file and available for inspection by the public in the office of the City Clerk; and,

WHEREAS, the applications have been reviewed and are now recommended for approval by City staff; and

WHEREAS, the following table provides a summary of the tax abatement applications:

Tax Abatement Plan	Quantity	Abated Value
05-RD, 5 year declining	15	\$ 5,237,895
06-RD, 6 year declining	1	\$ 799,990
08-RD, 8 year declining	16	\$ 3,290,000
09-RD, 9 year declining	9	\$ 2,831,648
10-RD, 10 year declining	1	\$ 365,000
10-RF, 10 year 100%	59	\$ 2,388,506
Total	101	\$ 14,913,039

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



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1. Each application for tax abatement is hereby received.
2. The following findings are hereby adopted with respect to each application:
 - a. The application is for a project located in the City-wide Urban Revitalization Area; the project as proposed in the application is in conformance with the Urban Revitalization Plan for the City-wide Urban Revitalization Area; and the improvements described in the application are intended by the applicant to be completed, all or in part, during the time the applicable area was so designated.
 - b. The application is for improvements intended by the applicant to be completed, all or in part, in 2026.
 - c. City staff recommends that City Council approve the filed tax abatement application for building improvements existing on January 1, 2027.
3. The attached applications are approved subject to review by the County Assessor under Section 404.5 of the Act, for exemption according to the schedules noted on each application.
4. The City Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this resolution and the Applications to the Polk County Assessor.

MOVED by Gatto to adopt.

SECOND by Voss.

FORM APPROVED:

/s/ Thomas G. Fisher Jr.

Thomas G. Fisher Jr.
Deputy City Attorney

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.

Laura Baumgartner

City Clerk

Connie Boesen

Mayor