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Date..... March 26, 2007

Environmental Certification and Request for Release of Funds from HUD for the Department of Housing Services' 2007 Capital Fund Program

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency is a grantee of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), and is a grantee of the Capital Fund Program (CFP) for Public Housing Authorities, and has designated the City of Des Moines as the "Responsible Entity" to assume environmental review responsibilities for said programs pursuant to Title 24, Code of Federal Regulations (24 CFR) Part 50.10; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2007, the Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency Governing Board, by Roll Call No. 07-____, approved the execution of the 2007 Public Housing Capital Fund Program Grant.

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2007, the Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency Governing Board, by Roll Call No. 07-____, authorized the submission of five year and one year Public Housing Agency plans.

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines Community Development Department staff conducted an environmental review pursuant to 24 CFR Part 58, and the cumulative environmental effects of activities to be undertaken as part of the 2007 CFP were reviewed and included in an Environmental Review Record (ERR); and

WHEREAS, after review of the ERR, the City of Des Moines Community Development Department staff found that the activities to be undertaken as part of the 2007 CFP are considered "Exempt" under 24 CFR Part 58.34(a)(3), (8) and (10); and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines Community Development Department staff recommends that no further environmental review be conducted and a request for the immediate release of funds for activities included and the 2007 CFP be submitted to HUD.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the Environmental Review Record for the 2007 Capital Fund Program, on file with the City Clerk as Exhibit "A" and by this reference made a part hereof, and the findings and recommendations of the City Community Development Department staff are hereby approved.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is designated as Certifying Officer for the purposes of 24 CFR 58.71 and the Mayor is authorized to sign the "Finding of Exemption Form" and to execute the "Request for Release of Funds and Certification," attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and by this reference made a part hereof, and the City Clerk is directed to attest to the said signatures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency is hereby authorized and directed to submit the executed "Finding of Exemption Form" and "Request for Release of Funds and Certification" to the HUD Kansas City Office.

(Council Communication No. 07-166)

Moved by _____ to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


 Ann DiDonato
 Assistant City Attorney

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 Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, 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.

 City Clerk