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APPROVE EXPANSION OF WATROUS HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEIGBORHOOD RECOGNITION POLICY

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

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2017, by Roll Call No. 17-1461, the City Council approved designation of the Watrous Heights Neighborhood as a Recognized Neighborhood for the City of Des Moines; and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2018, by Roll Call No. 18-1241, the City Council approved a boundary expansion of the Watrous Heights Neighborhood to include Park Avenue between SW 9th Street and South Union Street on the north, McKinley Avenue between SW 9th Street and South Union Street on the south; South Union Street between Park Avenue to McKinley Avenue on the east; and SW 9th Street between park Avenue and McKinley Avenue to the west; and

WHEREAS, the Watrous Heights Neighborhood has requested to further expand boundaries to include Park Avenue/E. Park Avenue between SW 9th Street and SE 5th Street to the north, Watrous Heights between South Union Street and SE 5th Street as one-half of the boundary to the south and McKinley Avenue between SW 9th Street and South Union Street as one-half of the boundary to the south, SE 5th Street between E. Park Avenue and E. Watrous Avenue as one-half of the boundary to the east boundary and South Union Street between Watrous Avenue and McKinley Avenue as one-half of the boundary to the east, and SW 9th Street between Park Avenue and McKinley Avenue to the west; as specifically shown in the accompanying map; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2022, the Neighborhood Revitalization Committee voted to recommend to the City Council that the City of Des Moines expand the boundaries of the Watrous Heights Neighborhood as proposed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the boundaries of the Watrous Heights Neighborhood be hereby expanded to include Park Avenue/E. Park Avenue between SW 9th Street and SE 5th Street to the north, Watrous Heights between South Union Street and SE 5th Street as one-half of the boundary to the south and McKinley Avenue between SW 9th Street and South Union Street as one-half of the boundary to the south, SE 5th Street between E. Park Avenue and E. Watrous Avenue as one-half of the boundary to the east boundary and South Union Street between Watrous Avenue and McKinley Avenue as one-half of the boundary to the east, and SW 9th Street between Park Avenue and McKinley Avenue to the west, and in accordance with the Neighborhood Recognition Policy, effective immediately.

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Council Communication No. 22-114

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FORM APPROVED:

Judy Parks-Kruse, Assistant City Attorney

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CERTIFICATE

I, P. KAY CMELIK, 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