RESOLUTION NO. 23-197

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY'S APPLICATION TO IOWA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (IEDA) FOR ITS THRIVING COMMUNITIES DESIGNATION.

WHEREAS, the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) has created a Thriving Communities designation that will be awarded to local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, this designation will recognize efforts made by cities and assist in the support of housing efforts related to creating new, quality housing projects; and

WHEREAS, designees shall receive additional scoring points towards Federal Housing Tax Credit and/or Workforce Housing Tax Credit program applications; and

WHEREAS, the City of Council Bluffs has made the retention of existing and creation of new housing a priority; and

WHEREAS, City efforts include (1) an Adopted Building Code, (2) a Comprehensive Plan and Housing Needs Assessment to identify needs, (3) rental housing registration program, (4) vacant property registration program, (5) use of tax increment financing and tax abatement to further housing projects, (6) local partnerships that include financial support towards housing, (7) sites ready for redevelopment, and (8) business and organizational partners in the community that are also furthering housing related needs; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the City Council that Council Bluffs is a thriving community and will continue to make housing a priority as part of the City's mission to continuously improve the quality of life and attractiveness of the City of Council Bluffs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED
BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA

That the City Council supports an application to IEDA's Thriving Communities Program; and the application submitted represents the City's efforts to create new, quality housing at all price points for all income levels.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to submit an Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) Thriving Communities Program Application and executed any related contracts with IEDA upon award.

ADOPTED
AND
APPROVED: July 10, 2023

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Matthew J. Walsh, Mayor

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Jodi Quakenbush, City Clerk