

PUBLIC NOTICE

Thornton of Fonsi and Intent

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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City of Thornton
404 Main Street, PO Box 88
Thornton, IA 50479
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Thornton, Iowa.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after May 3, 2021, the City of Thornton will submit a request to the State of Iowa, Iowa Economic Development Authority for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under TITLE 1 of the HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, as amended (P.L. 97-35) to undertake the following project:

Project Title: City of Thornton Water Main Improvement Project

Purpose: The purpose of the project is to address the deficiencies identified in the Engineering Report "Water Distribution System Study", prepared by Drew Sweers, P.E., Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. which includes water main breaks in their existing distribution system, age of the mains, lack of looping and threat of contamination of the system due to low pressure.

The proposed project includes replacement and installation of approximately 3,650 lineal feet of new 6" water main, 50 water services, 20 gate box and valves, 9 hydrants, restoration, construction administration, legal and administrative.

Location: The proposed activities will be conducted mainly within City right-of way along Larch Street from 9th Street to 1st Street. On Elm Street from 5th Street to 3rd Street; on 3rd Street from Elm Street to Willow Street; on Willow street from 3rd Street to 4th Street in the City of Thornton.

Estimated Cost: \$300,000 HUD CDBG, \$494,126 SRF, Total Project Cost \$794,126

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Thornton has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at 404 Main Street, PO Box 88, Thornton, IA 50479, (641) 998-2415 and may be examined or copied Monday

through Thursday, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Mayor. All comments received by April 30, 2021, will be considered by the Mayor prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Thornton certifies to Iowa Economic Development Authority that Mike Jensen in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. Iowa Economic Development Authority's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Thornton to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Iowa Economic Development Authority will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Thornton's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Thornton (b) the City of Thornton has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Iowa Economic Development Authority; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Iowa Economic Development Authority at 1963 Bell Avenue, Suite 200, Des Moines, IA 50315. Potential objectors should contact the Iowa Economic Development Authority to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mike Jensen, Mayor