

CITY OF DE SOTO, IOWA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of De Soto, Iowa, will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 405 Walnut Street, De Soto, Iowa, concerning proposed amendments to the De Soto City Code.

The proposed amendments include updates to various provisions of the City Code relating to the following:

Playground Equipment – Amendments to nuisance regulations and definitions relating to accessory structures and private playground equipment, including standards for the height and area of private playground equipment and requirements for equipment exceeding those limitations.

Swimming Pools – Amendments relating to water-holding capacity and fencing requirements, including requirements for a non-climbable fence and the addition of a definition for “Non-Climbable Fence.”

Parking and Hard-Surface Requirements – Amendments relating to private improvements within public rights-of-way, the definition of “Driveway,” and rear and side yard parking requirements, including standards for acceptable hard surfaces.

Native Grasses, Wildflowers, and Gardens – Amendments establishing regulations for gardens and managed natural landscapes, including definitions, setback requirements, maximum garden areas in front yards, and maintenance standards.

Sidewalk Maintenance – Amendments establishing criteria for sidewalk repair and replacement, including requirements addressing differences in elevation, structural deterioration, obstructions, and drainage issues.

Corner Lots – Amendments to definitions and regulations concerning corner lots and accessory buildings, including clarification that the front yard is the yard adjacent to the street from which the building is addressed.

The proposed amendments include changes to Sections 50.02.13, 53.06, 53.07, 135.14, 136.04, 155.08, 165.03, 165.08.3, 165.08.4, 165.12, and 165.16 of the De Soto City Code, as applicable.

A copy of the proposed ordinance and amendments may be inspected at City Hall during regular business hours. Interested persons may appear and be heard regarding the proposed amendments. Written comments may also be submitted to the City prior to the public hearing.