



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

TO: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

FROM: Susi Lampe, CMC, IaCMC, IaCFO – Assistant City Manager/City Clerk/Treasurer

DATE OF MEETING: May 11, 2026

ITEM TITLE: Resolution to Decertify Certain Assessments that were sent to the Buchanan County Treasurer

BACKGROUND:

The City of Independence acquired the property of 416 9th Ave SE on March 20, 2026, through the 657A process. A resolution was passed on July 14, 2025, to assess a mowing nuisance fee on the property. That resolution now needs to be decertified with another resolution.

DISCUSSION:

Because the City gained ownership of this property through the 657A process, there is no reason to continue with the Assessments that were on the property.

RESULTS:

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of **efficient and effective planning and prioritizing of all available resources**. This item helps achieve that vision by removing a fee previously imposed, which would have been charged to the City and then returned to the City.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

There is no cost to take the resolution to the Buchanan County Treasurer. This does mean the City will not be able to recoup the mowing assessment that totals \$250.00; however, that cost could be added to the minimum acceptable bid the City would take for the property when it is time to sell or dispose of the property.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution that decertifies certain assessments that were sent to the Buchanan County Treasurer.