



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

**DATE OF MEETING:** March 11, 2024

**ITEM TITLE:** Resolution to approve the Buchanan County Housing Study

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Buchanan County Economic Development worked with the Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments (INRCOG) to update the Housing Needs Assessment for the entire county originally completed in 2018. The attached appendix is the portion that specifically applies to Independence and is ready for review by the City Council. Additionally, a resolution is attached for review and approval by the City Council reflecting approval of the Buchanan County Housing Study for the City of Independence portion.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Housing Needs Assessment is an often-included document when applying for grants, etc. for the City of Independence and is necessary to show the needs of the community.

### **RESULTS:**

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of Developing and Reviving Independence. This item helps achieve that vision by clearly showing the needs of the community and areas to focus in when attracting housing to the community.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

There is no financial consideration for the approval of this item.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends a motion to approve the resolution that approves the Buchanan County Housing Study and to authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution.