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**VIA FAX ONLY:** 462-6081

RE: Wastewater treatment plant improvement project – I-JOBS grant application

Dear Pat:

I understand the City is contemplating making application for an I-JOBS grant for the proposed wastewater treatment plant improvement project. I understand the application is to be accompanied by a current title opinion showing the City's interest in the real property in question. To my knowledge there has never been an abstract of title for the property owned by the City lying North of the Wapsipinicon River, East of South Elm Street, South of Cemetary Road and Walworth Avenue, and West of the Garnavillo Street bluff. I have been City attorney for the past 21 years. I am familiar with the property in question and have had the opportunity at various times to confirm the City's ownership of the property. Other than the parcel owned by Alliant Energy, all of the property lying North of the Wapsipinicon River, East of South Elm Street, South of Cemetary Road and Walworth Avenue, and West of the Garnavillo Street bluff is owned by the City of Anamosa, Iowa in fee simple title. Since the construction contemplated would occur on City owned property, there are no easements or temporary construction easements necessary to acquire for construction of the project.

Let me know if this letter will suffice in lieu of a formal title opinion. If a formal title opinion is necessary I will have to have an abstract of title made for the City's property. That cost could exceed $1,000.00 as there has never been an abstract of title prepared for the property to my knowledge.

Sincerely,

Adrian T. Knuth
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