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Waukeee Named One of “The 50 Best Places to Live in the U.S.” by Money

Waukeee, Iowa—Once again, the City of Waukeee is gaining attention on a national level as a great place to live.

On Sept. 14, independent economics website, Money, released its annual “Best Places to Live” list, and this time Waukeee landed at #11. In 2015, Waukeee was #42 on this list of the top 50 cities deemed excellent places to live based on job growth, home prices and quality of life.

The write-up from Money mentions Waukeee’s immense growth of 10,000 residents since 2010 as well as the ongoing construction of new buildings by the Waukeee Community School District.

The article also points out that although Waukeee’s housing market is booming – having issued nearly 600 single-family housing permits in 2020 – that compared to national home prices, Waukeee’s median home price of \$272,854 is “still quite affordable”.

It states the City’s median income is at more than \$104,000 annually and that the unemployment rate is 3.3 percent.

“Waukeee is honored to again find itself on this prestigious list,” Waukeee Mayor Courtney Clarke said. “I know my family certainly feels fortunate to live, learn and grow in this community. Our City focuses on continual improvement, adding amenities and infrastructure to support our wonderful residents and neighborhoods. We believe it’s a formula that equals a good quality of life, and it will only get better.”

Money stated a number of factors it takes into account when forming its annual list. One hundred different metrics were reviewed and were organized into nine categories:

- Cost of Living
- Economic opportunity
- Diversity
- Education
- Fun/amenities
- Health and safety
- Housing market
- Income and personal finances
- Quality of life

The full list and more details can be found on the [Money website](#).

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The City of Waukee is recognized as the fastest growing (large) city in Iowa and is located in Dallas County—one of the fastest growing counties in the U.S. The current population is 23,940 residents. Waukee offers a welcoming atmosphere, featuring quality parks, schools and trails. The City is also dedicated to economic development and expanding business opportunities, including the creation of the mixed-use development, Kettlestone. For more information, visit Waukee.org.