

May 19, 2020

Connie Eastman  
AARP Iowa State Director  
600 E. Court Ave. #100  
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Ms. Eastman,

On behalf of the City of Manning, I am pleased to offer this letter of our ongoing commitment to creating an age-friendly environment. We are excited to join AARP's Age-Friendly Communities network. Manning is committed to becoming a livable community to promote health and sustainable growth and to contribute to the well-being of our citizens of all ages.

The City of Manning continues to strive to improve the quality of life for all residents. There is great value in utilizing AARP's Eight Domains of Livability in establishing a more age-friendly city. We continue to look for ways to make outdoor spaces and buildings more senior friendly, increasing the accessibility and affordability of transportation and housing, increasing access and opportunities for social participation, supporting work and volunteer opportunities, access to communication and information, and supporting the ability of older people to age in place through community support and health services.

As a participant in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities, it is the intent of the City of Manning to:

- Pursue the active engagement of older adults in the planning process through outreach and inclusion by bringing events to where older people live.
- Pursue outreach through churches, civic organizations, AARP, RSVP, providers of aging services and host events designed for older people.
- Establish a plan of action that responds to the needs identified by older people.
- Develop a means to measure our activities, reviewing action plan outcomes and plans to determine if we are meeting our goals.
- Keep the public, especially older people, informed throughout the process.

We look forward to working with AARP Iowa staff, members and volunteers to make our city a place where we can all age with dignity.

Sincerely,



Joe Maas  
Mayor of the City of Manning, Iowa