

**RESOLUTION NO. 20080925-082**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin has strongly encouraged the creation of Historic Area Combining Districts, also referred to as local historic districts, as a mechanism to protect the City's significant historic resources, and in 2004 established a process and procedure in Code to create these districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the initiation of a zoning or rezoning to establish a local historic district is recognized upon the petition of the owners of at least 60 percent of the land in the proposed district in Section 25-2-242(5) of the City of Austin Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin and its various departments own or control a significant amount of real property that has the potential to be included within local historic districts, and many of these land holdings include historic resources that contribute to and enhance the historic fabric of the City and potential local historic districts, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin and its citizens have a strong interest in historic preservation, recognizing the broad positive impacts of preservation, including significant contributions to our local economy and our tax base, and

**WHEREAS**, historic preservation is consistent with the City's efforts to encourage sustainability, energy efficiency and green building, as well as striving to discourage landfill waste and suburban sprawl, and


**WHEREAS**, according to the Texas Historical Commission, historic preservation generates more than \$1.8 billion of economic activity annually in Texas, and close to \$140 million annually in the Austin area alone; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The City Council hereby consents to the inclusion of land owned by the City of Austin in any petition for initiation of zoning or a rezoning for a Historic Area (HD) Combining District under Section 25-2-242 of the City Code; and the Council further directs the City Manager to consider City land included in such a petition to be considered to satisfy the requirement for land ownership in a petition in an amount up to one-third, or 20%, of the minimum 60% of land area in the proposed District that is required to initiate HD zoning under Section 25-2-242(5)

**ADOPTED:** September 25, 2008

**ATTEST:**

  
Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk