RESOLUTION NO. 20120126-044

WHEREAS, Ada McElhenney, individually and as independent executrix of the Estate of Sidney McElhenney, Jennifer McElhenney Bertino, Tom R. McElhenney, John Oakley McElhenney and Amy McElhenney Barbee(McElhenney Family) donated to the City of Austin on December 31, 2011 a 24.2-acre site located east of the Montopolis Practice Fields and west of Bastrop Highway 183 (McElhenney Tract) which includes a large grove of oak trees feature as shown on the attached **Exhibit "A"** (Oak Grove feature);

WHEREAS, most of the land within the floodplain on the McElhenney Tract is forested with many mature native trees including stands of Cedar Elm, Cottonwood, Live Oak, and Willow. The largest measured Live Oak is 44 inches diameter at breast height. The riparian zone is rich in other plant life. Observed wildlife includes deer, rabbits, opossum, hawks, herons, red headed woodpeckers, horny toad lizards, snakes, toads, and even a blue gilled catfish. Underground dens, tracks, and trails indicate the likelihood of other animal species not observed such as raccoons or skunks;

WHEREAS, the land donated by the McElhenney family has a rich cultural history, reflecting the individuals who lived, worked and died on the land and some of whom are buried in the nearby Burditt Prairie Cemetery. A trail proposed for some of the donated land would enable Austinites to enjoy the natural aspects and learn about the area's history.

WHEREAS, the City desires to recognize the donation by the McElhenney Family of the McElhenney Tract by naming the Oak Grove feature on the McElhenney Tract; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The Oak Grove feature located on the McElhenney Tract is named the "McElhenney Oak Grove."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

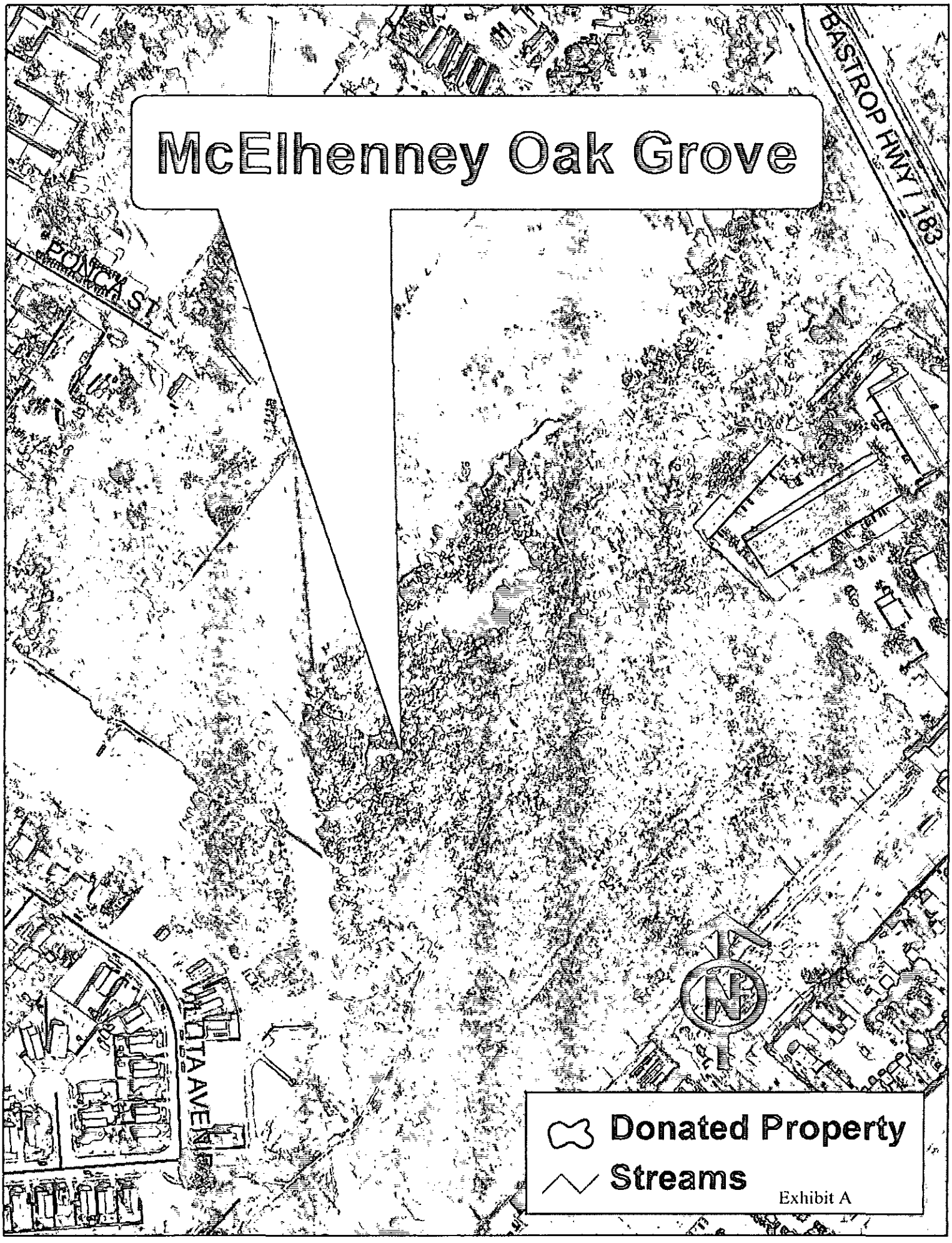
The City Manager is authorized to proudly display the Oak Grove feature name in connection with all correspondence, promotion, public relations and publicity and to take any action necessary to identify the Oak Grove feature located on the McElhenney Tract as the "McElhenney Oak Grove."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Council, in accordance with City Code Section 14-1-33(I), waives the requirements of Article 4, Chapter 14-1 *(Approval of a Name for a Public Facility or Property)* and names the Oak Grove feature on the McElhenney Tract as set forth in this resolution.

ADOPTED: January 26, 2012 **ATTEST:** Shirley A. Gentry

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk


McElhenney Oak Grove
BASTROP HWY / 183
PONCA ST
WILLOTA AVENUE
Donated Property
Streams
Exhibit A