

RESOLUTION NO. 20200224-6.B

WHEREAS, Section 11.28 of the Texas Property Tax Code authorizes the governing body of Texas municipalities to grant a tax abatement to encourage the preservation of contributing properties located within historic districts and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has enacted legislation to provide a tax abatement to encourage the preservation of contributing structures within locally designated historic districts in the city, and

WHEREAS, Austin City Code Section 11-1-69(A) states if the director determines that an applicant meets all applicable requirements and qualifies for an abatement, the director shall send a letter of verification to the appraisal district and the applicant upon completion of the project and inspection of the property, indicating the applicable abatement and its value and duration, and

WHEREAS, Austin City Code Section 11-1-69(B) requires the director to provide subsequent letters of verification to the appraisal district on an annual basis for the duration of the abatement, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Section 11-1-69(A) is to inform the appraisal district that the completed project meets the standards for the tax abatement, and

WHEREAS, providing subsequent annual letters of verification required by Section 11-1-69(B) is a redundant and unnecessary process, and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The Austin City Council should direct the City Manager to draft an amendment to the Austin City Code, repealing section 11-1-69(B).

ADOPTED: _____, 2020

ATTEST: _____

Emily Reed
Chair

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