

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council - Commissioner's Court Meeting	<b>Item ID</b>	34538	<b>Agenda Number</b>	46.
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	8/7/2014	<b>Department:</b>	Planning and Development Review
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**Subject**

Approve a resolution approving partial ad valorem tax abatements for certain properties designated as historic landmarks and adding these properties to the property list attached to Resolution No. 20140501-020 which was approved by Council on May 1, 2014.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

**Fiscal Note**

<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	May 1, 2014 - Council granted partial tax abatements for certain historic properties for the tax year starting January 1, 2014.
<b>For More Information:</b>	Steve Sadowsky, Planning and Development Review, 512-974-6454.
<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	July 14, 2014 - Approved by the Historic Landmark Commission on a 5-0 vote with Commissioner's Leary and Wolfenden-Guidry absent, with recommendation granting partial tax abatements for the properties listed on Exhibit A.
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	
<b>Related Items:</b>	

**Additional Backup Information**

The Historic Preservation Office ("HPO") inadvertently omitted properties that should have been included on the property list attached to Resolution No. 20140501-020 approved by Council on May 1, 2014. The HPO received additional affidavits from owners of properties zoned by the City as historic landmarks indicating the status of their property as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, a State Archaeological Landmark, or as historically or archaeologically significant and in need of tax relief to encourage its preservation. Staff has reviewed those affidavits and inspected the properties to determine if they are being maintained per City Code requirements. The HPO presented this property list to the Historic Landmark Commission ("HLC") on July 14, 2014, recommending partial ad valorem tax abatements. The list voted on by the HLC is being presented to the City Council for approval. Following approval by Council, a final list of historic landmark properties to receive the partial ad valorem tax exemption will be forwarded to the Travis County Appraisal District, the Austin Independent School District, and Travis County.