

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting: June 28, 2018

Item Number: **118**

Planning and Zoning

Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to include a partial exemption from ad valorem taxes for certain historically-designated properties in budget calculations for the coming year; to provide this resolution to the Austin Independent School District; and to prepare an ordinance approving these partial exemptions to be considered by Council concurrently with the annual tax levy.

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| Lead Department | Planning and Zoning |
| Fiscal Note | There is no financial impact. |
| For More Information | Steve Sadowsky, Planning and Zoning Department, (512) 974-6454 |
| Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action | May 21, 2018 - Approved by the Historic Landmark Commission on a 7- 1 vote with Commissioner Tollett recused and Commissioners Reed and Brown absent. |

Additional Backup Information:

The Historic Preservation Office has received affidavits from owners of properties that are zoned by the City as historic landmarks indicating their property’s status as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, a State Archaeological Landmark, or its designation as a historically or archaeologically significant site 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.

On May 21, 2018, the Historic Preservation Office presented to the Historic Landmark Commission (HLC) a list of historic landmark properties whose owners they recommended be approved to receive the partial ad valorem tax exemption. The list of historic landmark properties whose owners are being recommended by HLC to receive the partial ad valorem tax exemption is attached as Exhibit A. The Commission will consider additional applications under a special exception on June 25, 2018. Only those properties that passed inspection are being recommended to receive partial ad valorem tax exemption. Following action by Council, a final list of historic landmark properties approved by Council to receive the partial ad valorem tax exemption will be forwarded to the Austin Independent School District.