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RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Sixth Street National Register District, roughly bounded by Fifth Street, Seventh Street, Congress Avenue and IH-35 and including four structures on East Fifth Street and two on Trinity, was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Stream Realty proposes to redevelop two blocks within the Sixth Street National Register District as hotel and office use, and the proposal includes the demolition of at least eight properties within the District; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 06092022-124 on the June 9, 2022, City Council agenda directed the City Manager to prepare a Code amendment to Section 25-2-643 (*Congress Avenue (CA), East Sixth/Pecan Street (PS), Downtown Parks (DP), and Downtown Creeks (DC) Combining District Regulations*) to 1) allow a structure located on East Sixth Street, east of Neches Street and west of Sabine, to have a maximum building height of 140 feet or the amount allowable under the Capitol View Corridor, whichever is less; and, 2) create design standards with specific guidelines for the preservation of facades on historic structures to ensure any redevelopment is compatible with the character of the historic district; and

WHEREAS, the latter direction would be best achieved through the designation of a Local Historic District, which would include the creation of a set of design guidelines to be applied consistently throughout the District; and

WHEREAS, locally designated historic districts offer the strongest protection and greatest benefit for older neighborhoods, and designation requires the support of a majority of property owners or land area owners as well as high architectural integrity; and

