## **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

WHEREAS, the City Council may designate an area as a historic (HD) combining district if at least 51 percent of the principal structures within the proposed district are contributing to the historic character of the district at the time the historic preservation officer certifies that the zoning or rezoning application is complete; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that local historic district designation is the surest way to protect and preserve the historic fabric of this district while allowing a diversity of uses; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The City Council initiates the creation of the East Sixth Street Local Historic District.

## **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is directed to, immediately following the effective date of this Resolution, collect for presentation to the Historic Landmark Commission, the Planning Commission, and the City Council all documents required for approval of the East Sixth Street Local Historic District by November 3, 2022.

<b>ADOPTED:</b>	, 2022	ATTEST:	
			Myrna Rios
			City Clerk