

ORDINANCE NO. 20240718-006

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING OR REIMBURSING CERTAIN DEVELOPMENT FEES RELATED TO THE RENOVATIONS FOR THE MEXIC-ARTE MUSEUM AT 419 CONGRESS AVENUE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. Findings.

- A. The Mexic-Arte Museum, established in 1984, is the official Mexican American Fine Arts Museum of Texas and is an important Austin institution that also provides vital education services.
- B. For over thirty-nine years, the non-profit museum offers outstanding cultural programs and presents art by the finest established and emerging artists from the United States, Mexico and Latin America.
- C. The Mexic-Arte Museum has thousands of visitors that tour the museum every year.
- D. The City has been committed to the success and advancement of the Mexic-Arte Museum and the development of the renovated museum facility.
- E. On January 11, 2001, the City provided \$740,000 to Mexic-Arte for the purchase of a building located at 419 Congress Avenue to permanently house its collections and operate its programs, in return for Mexic-Arte's agreement to rehabilitate and maintain the building and provide certain services which benefit the public.
- F. On November 7, 2006, Proposition 4 was approved by City of Austin voters including \$5,000,000 for the new Mexic-Arte Museum.
- G. On November 6, 2018, Proposition B was approved by City of Austin voters including an additional \$15,000,000 for capital reinvestment needs related to Mexic-Arte building renovations and other facility modifications.
- H. The new Mexic-Arte Museum building will enhance and expand the cultural institution's educational and artistic programs for members of the Austin and Texas community.

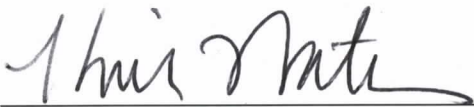
- I. The new Mexic-Arte Museum will be a central anchor of the 5th Street Mexican American Heritage Corridor where some of the first members of the Mexican and Mexican American community settled in Austin.
- J. On January 27, 2022, City Council waived development fees associated with the plan review for the renovation of the Mexic-Arte Museum.
- K. Waiving development fees for the renovation of the Mexic-Arte Museum would allow the City to invest additional resources in design and construction to support new educational and artistic programs for the Austin community

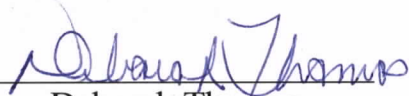
PART 2. WAIVER. The City Manager is authorized to waive or reimburse certain development fees in an amount not to exceed \$62,504 associated with the development review of the Mexic-Arte Museum renovations at 419 Congress Avenue.


PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on July 29, 2024.

PASSED AND APPROVED

July 18, 2024

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Kirk Watson
Mayor

APPROVED: 
Deborah Thomas
Acting City Attorney

ATTEST: 
Myrna Rios
City Clerk