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The Mayors' Office of Economic Development will be recommending the following Historical Site Exemptions (listed below) to City Council on December 2, 2020.

Address	Land Use	CM District	Neighborhood	Designation Type	15-Year Impact	1-Year Impact
1631 Oxford St	Residential	C	Houston Heights East	Historic District	(\$8,700)	(\$580)
833 Arlington St	Residential	C	Houston Heights South	Historic District	(\$20,585)	(\$1,372)
4022 Oak Ridge St	Residential	H	Norhill	Historic District	(\$11,775)	(\$785)
728 Pizer St	Residential	H	Norhill	Historic District	(\$14,040)	(\$936)
920 W. Temple St	Residential	H	Norhill	Historic District	(\$6,006)	(\$400)
1114 Texas Ave	Business Hotel	I	Southwestern Bell Building	Historic Landmark	(\$1,041,381)	(\$69,425)

Under the prior Ordinance 2015-967, a single-family structure that was designated as a landmark, protected landmark or contributing structure located in the City of Houston was eligible to receive an exemption on the January 1 value of the property after expending more than 100% of the value of the original structure, sometimes referred to as a "super exemption". This is not the case under the amended Ordinance 2019-143, which limits the exemption to single family structures located in qualifying census tracts defined as having at least 20% poverty or 80% of the area median income to allow for the exemption to benefit distressed and transitioning communities and multi-family properties. This year, none of the applicants are located in a qualifying census tract.

However, the Hyatt Hotel, located at 1114 Texas Street does receive a "super exemption" as the 2020 improvement value exceeded the base tax value of the improvements. The remaining five applicants are single family homes and are only eligible for an exemption based on the cost of eligible expenditures.