

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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TO: Mayor via City Secretary

SUBJECT: Ordinance approving a Historic Site Tax Exemption for the Historic or Protected Landmark for the property located at: 1203 Edwards St.; which meets the relevant eligibility requirements of Section 44-5 of the Code of Ordinances.

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FROM: (Department or other point of origin):

Origination Date

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Council Districts affected:

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Date and identification of prior authorizing Council Action:

Ord. No. 2015-967, Res. No. 2016-36

RECOMMENDATION: (Summary)

That City Council adopt an ordinance approving a Historic Site Tax Exemption for the Historic or Protected Landmark for the property located at: 1203 Edwards St.; which meets the relevant eligibility requirements of Section 44-5 of the Code of Ordinances.

Amount of Funding: No funding required**Finance Budget:**

SOURCE OF FUNDING: ☐ General Fund ☐ Grant Fund ☐ Enterprise Fund ☐ Other
(Specify)

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:

Section 44-5 of the Code of Ordinances provides an incentive for historic preservation in the form of a tax exemption for Historic or Protected Landmarks. Prior City Council designation of the property as a Historic or Protected Landmark is a prerequisite to granting a historic site tax exemption. The property owner must then demonstrate to the Chief Development Officer that restoration and preservation expenditures were made in an amount equal to at least 25% of appraised value of the improvements within the time frames prescribed in the Ordinance. The tax exemption amount is then calculated based on the amount spent on restoration, up to 100% of ad valorem taxes that would be owed the following year on the appraised value of improvements only (not land). **The exemption is for a 15-year period, but is capped each year at the exemption amount calculated for year one.**

The owner of the following Historic Landmark submitted sworn affidavits that meet the criteria set out in the Code of Ordinances. The table below shows the base value of improvement (pre-restoration), the amount of the restoration investment made by the property owner, the approximate dollar amount of the taxes that will be foregone for the first year, based on the Harris County Appraisal District's 2017 property valuation and the City's current property tax rate, and the estimated maximum amount that would be exempt over 15 years:

Historic Landmark	Base Yr. Improvement Value (HCAD)	Total Restoration Expenditure	Estimated Yr. One Exemption	Max. Estimated Exemption over 15 Yr.
1203 Edwards St.	\$100,000	\$109,372	\$1,280	\$19,206

Since the property has been designated as a Historic or Protected Landmark, and meets all other criteria, it is recommended that City Council grant this property the exemption from ad valorem taxation provided under Section 44-5 of the Code of Ordinances.

cc: Marta Crinejo, Agenda Director
Anna Russell, City Secretary
Ronald C. Lewis, City Attorney
Sameera Mahendru, Senior Assistant City Attorney

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION**Finance Department:**

Director

Planning & Development Department:

Director

Other Authorization: