



# STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** March 12, 2024

**TITLE:**

Hold a public hearing and consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2024-26 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, granting Historic Landmark status for 0.531 acres out of Farm Lot Block 36 East of Main Street within the City Limits of the City of Bastrop, Texas, commonly known as the Willis O Miley House, as attached in Exhibit A; providing for findings of fact; providing for a repealing clause; and establishing an effective date.

**STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:**

Kennedy Higgins, Senior Planner / Historic Preservation Officer

**ITEM DETAILS:**

Site Address: 1320 Farm Street (Attachment 1)  
Property ID: 32297  
Property Owner: Melinda and John Larson  
Current Use: Residential  
Existing Zoning: P-3 Neighborhood  
Designations: National Register of Historic Places

**REQUEST:**

The property owners at 1320 Farm Street have requested local Historic Landmark designation.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

The structure was built between 1870-1890 in the style of fold Victorian according to the Texas Historical Commission. This house is listed on the national register of historic places on 12/22/1978 with the criteria of significance in architecture. It is a 1 story wood frame ell shape house with a porch on the south and the east side. This house is a good example of a small Victorian home in Bastrop according to the information from the national register submittal. Back in 2001 the Historic Landmark commission invited the previous property owners for historical designation.

In addition to the architectural significance, the property has been associated with people of Bastrop's past, for example during renovations to the home, a signature from Alfred Grisenbeck was found on the wall which could mean he built the home before it was owned by Willis O Miley. Mr. Miley worked for the railway express in Bastrop, and his half-brother, William Jefferson Miley built and opened Lock drug store at 1003 Main street. Artifacts from Lock's have been found in the attic and on the property of 1320 Farm street.

## **POLICY EXPLANATION:**

### **CHAPTER 9: HISTORIC LANDMARK PRESERVATION & IREDELL DISTRICT**

#### **SEC. 9.2.002 CRITERIA FOR HISTORIC LANDMARK STATUS**

(a) A Structure or Site is considered a local Historic Landmark if it is designated as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark or State Archeological Landmark or is included on the National Register of Historic Places.

(b) A Structure or Site also may be designated by the City as a Historic Landmark if it meets 2 or more of the criteria set out below.

(1) Possesses significance in history, architecture, archeology, or culture;

(2) Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of local, regional, state, or national history;

(3) Is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;

(4) Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of Construction;

(5) Represents the work of a master designer, builder, or craftsman; or

(6) Represents an established and familiar visual feature of the City.

#### **SEC. 9.2.003 PROCESS FOR DESIGNATION OF HISTORIC LANDMARKS**

(a) Owners of property being considered for designation as a Historic Landmark shall be notified prior to the Historic Landmark Commission hearing on the recommended designation. The Historic Landmark Commission shall provide notice to property owners within 200 feet of the property and conduct a public hearing.

(b) After consideration by the Historic Landmark Commission, a recommendation regarding designations shall be submitted the City Council to conduct a public hearing and consider the designations of a Historic Landmark. The adoption of the landmark shall be through a resolution.

(c) Upon designation of a Historic Landmark, the City Council shall cause the designation to be noted as follows:

(1) Recorded in the official real property records of Bastrop County.

(2) Designated on the historic resource map of the City.

(3) Provide the property owner with a plaque and require the installation indicating the designation of the landmark as a City Historic Landmark.

### **86<sup>th</sup> Legislature House Bill 2496**

Effective May 25, 2019, the Texas State Legislature adopted additional regulations municipalities must follow for designating historic landmarks. Most of the regulations are already present in the Bastrop Historic Landmark Preservation Ordinance. One additional requirement with which the city must comply is to send the property owner a statement that describes the impact of the designation to the property. The property owner is aware and received this letter.

## **NOTIFICATION:**

Eleven property owners within 200 feet of 1320 Farm Street were notified of the public hearing on February 5, 2024.

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

The HLC, the regular meeting on February 21, 2024, held a public hearing and recommended approval by a vote of 6-0, for 1320 Farm Street to be a local Historic Landmark, provide the owner a marker and add to the inventory for rebates.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Resolution
- Exhibit A – Agreement
- Attachment 1 – Location Map
- Attachment 2 – Property Information

