



Wylie City Council

AGENDA REPORT

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Subject

Work Session to provide updates on Chapter 58 Landmarks of the Code of Ordinances and Section 6.3 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Recommendation

Discussion

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Discuss the current Landmark ordinances. To date we have not received any requests to designate a property as a local landmark.

Landmark Ordinance No. 2022-46 was adopted by City Council on May 31, 2022. The purpose of designating a local historic landmark is to bring attention to the general public of places of importance and protect the historic resource from inappropriate changes or demolition. In addition, such landmarks will help reinforce the city's mission statement of "Honoring our past; Embracing our present; Planning our future".

Guidance for landmark designation shall be in accordance with Local Government Code Chapter 211, whereby section 211.0165 outlines the necessary steps and grants authority to the municipality. Before a structure or land can be designated as a local historic landmark, the property owner must consent. If the owner does not consent, approval by at least a three-fourths majority vote of the City Council and HRC is required.

Responsibility of the City:

The HRC shall identify and designate an area(s) in order to make a recommendation on whether it qualifies for a local landmark. The City Council, a property owner, an individual or neighborhood organization, may also request the Commission to make such a study and recommendation. The municipality must provide the property owner a statement that describes the impact that a historic designation of the owner's property may have on the owner and the owner's property. Consider tax abatement on the city portion of taxes only for properties with a designated landmark.

Responsibility of the property owners:

All property owners with a designated landmark have the responsibility as any property owner within the city to maintain their property to minimum standards, which include the structural soundness of the building, deteriorated roofing or siding materials, broken windows, maintaining porches and balconies, and keeping the yard free of debris.

A Certificate of Appropriateness is required prior to any exterior work beginning on a property with a designated landmark.