

RESOLUTION NO. R-2016- 19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS, INDICATING THE CITY OF TYLER'S SUPPORT OF SUBMITTING A CULTURAL DISTRICT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Tyler Main Street Department, the Heart of Tyler Advisory Board and the Downtown Tyler Arts Coalition request support for an application to the Texas Commission for the Arts for the establishment of a Downtown Tyler Cultural District. The designation would provide for numerous benefits by furthering the revitalization of downtown and increase the potential for future funding from the Texas Commission for the Arts; and

WHEREAS, the downtown revitalization effort to this date has resulted in private reinvestment of more than \$200 million, new jobs and businesses, creation of City Council-designated Downtown Business Arts and Culture District, arts programming in all disciplines, public art, juried exhibits, the opening of Gallery Main Street, Liberty Hall and the future Innovation Pipeline; and

WHEREAS, downtown revitalization and development of the arts are major goals in Tyler 1st, the City of Tyler master plan; and

WHEREAS, Texas Cultural District status awarded by the Texas Commission on the Arts enables a designated community to apply for special funding to diversify local economies, generate revenue, and attract visitors and investment; and

WHEREAS, the proposed cultural district boundaries will mirror the existing Downtown Business, Arts and Culture District as designated by the Tyler City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS:

PART 1: That a cultural district designation is supported and that the Tyler City Council encourages such action as may be necessary by City staff and community partners and volunteers to proceed with assistance in and submission of the designation application.

PART 2: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 8th day of June, 2016.



MARTIN HEINES, MAYOR
OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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