

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVING A HISTORIC PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE ULRICH RESIDENCE (THE THOMAS WHITTED HOUSE), LOCATED AT 656 1ST STREET NORTH, A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK WITHIN THE CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG AND A CONTRIBUTING PROPERTY TO THE NORTH SHORE HISTORIC DISTRICT LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES; APPROVING EXECUTION OF A HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION COVENANT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida is the governing body of Pinellas County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County values the historic resources located in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the protection of such historic resources is in the public interest and is essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Pinellas County; and

**WHEREAS**, the adopted Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan contains goals, objectives, and policies supporting the protection of historic resources in Pinellas County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners adopted the Historic Preservation Ordinance (Pinellas County Code, Chapter 146) in 1992 and substantially amended the Ordinance in 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Florida have amended Article VII, Section 3(d) of the Florida Constitution to authorize counties and municipalities to allow ad valorem tax exemptions for up to 10 years on improvements to designated historic properties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Legislature has enacted Sections 196.1997 and 196.1998, F.S., to govern the allowance of such exemptions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Petersburg adopted an ad valorem tax exemption ordinance (Section 16.30.070.4 of the City Code) on July 21, 1994, giving its residents financial incentives to preserve the City's historical resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners adopted the Historic Property Tax Exemption Ordinance (County Code, Article IV of Chapter 118), in January 1996,

which provides for ad valorem tax exemption in unincorporated areas and in municipalities that have similar tax exemption ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ulrich Residence (the Thomas Whitted House), a local historic landmark and contributing property to the North Shore Historic District listed on the National Register of Historic Places, located at 656 1<sup>st</sup> Street North, and described as below (herein, the “Property”), which according to the public records of Pinellas County is presently owned by Kent L. Ulrich and Joan B. Ulrich:

The North 78 feet of Lot S, revised Map of the Bay Shore Subdivision, according to the Map or Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 41, Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida of which Pinellas County, Florida was formerly a part, along with the East ½ of the vacated alley lying West of the said North 78 feet of Lot S; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Petersburg City Council on March 2, 1995, approved the designation of the Thomas Whitted House as a local historic landmark (HPC #95-01), and the Keeper of the National Register in Washington, D.C. on February 20, 2003, approved the nomination of the North Shore Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Petersburg Planning and Economic Development staff approved the Part I ad valorem tax exemption application (AVT 15-90400001) on May 13, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Petersburg City Council approved an ad valorem tax exemption for improvements to the property located at 656 1<sup>st</sup> Street North, (Resolution No.# 2016-101) on March 17, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Petersburg City Council has requested approval of the ad valorem tax exemption from the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the staff report from the City of St. Petersburg demonstrates that the property and improvements listed below located at 656 1<sup>st</sup> Street North, meet all criteria for ad valorem tax exemption as described in Section 16.30.070.4 of the City Code, Section 118 of the Pinellas County Code, and Section 196.1997 of the Florida Statutes.

**WHEREAS**, the tax exemption shall be for a period of ten years which is from January 1, 2016, to December 31, 2025.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA,** in regular session duly assembled this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016, hereby:

1. Finds that the property and improvements listed below located at 656 1<sup>st</sup> Street North, meet all criteria for ad valorem tax exemption as described in Article IV of Chapter 118 of the Pinellas County Code, and
2. Approves a historic property tax exemption for a period of ten years from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2025 for the following improvements to the property located at 656 1<sup>st</sup> Street North, consistent with local and state law subject to receipt of a certified copy of a recorded covenant within thirty (30) days of the Board of County Commissioners approval, and
3. Approves and authorizes the Chairman to sign and execute the historic preservation tax exemption covenant.

COMPLETED IMPROVEMENTS:

- Replace deteriorated roof system
- Reconstruct deteriorated chimney

Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES:

NAYS:

Absent and not voting:

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Office of the County Attorney