

RESOLUTION NO. 19-63

A RESOLUTION BY THE PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVING A HISTORIC PRESERVATION AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE FRITZIUS RESIDENCE, LOCATED AT 823 10TH AVENUE SOUTH, ST. PETERSBURG, A CONTRIBUTING PROPERTY IN THE ROSER PARK LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT; APPROVING EXECUTION OF A HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION COVENANT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes and values the historic resources located in the County with protection of such historic resources being in the public interest and 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 and supporting the protection of historic resources in the County; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Florida have amended Article VII, Section 3(d) of the Florida Constitution to authorize counties and municipalities to allow historic preservation ad valorem tax exemptions for owners of historic properties; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has enacted Sections 196.1997 and 196.1998, Florida Statutes, to govern the allowance of such ad valorem tax exemptions allowing for up to a ten (10) year exemption on up to one hundred percent (100%) of the assessed value of improvements made to eligible historic properties which result from restoration, renovation, or rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners adopted the Pinellas County Historic Property Tax Exemption Ordinance (Chapter 118, Article V, Pinellas County Code) in January 1996 providing for ad valorem tax exemptions ten (10) years in duration on improvements made to a designated historic property which result from the restoration, renovation, or rehabilitation of said property in municipalities that have adopted a historic preservation tax exemption ordinance within their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Petersburg has adopted a historic preservation ad valorem tax exemption ordinance (Section 16.30.070.4 of the City Code) on July 21, 1994, providing its residents with financial incentives to preserve the City's historic resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of St Petersburg is recognized as a Certified Local Government in good standing by the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources as authorized under the National Historic Preservation Act Amendments of 1980 and, therefore, staff with the Urban Planning and Economic Development Division for the City of St. Petersburg shall be considered the Local Preservation Office for the purposes of administering the provisions of this ad valorem tax exemption as allowed under 196.1997, Florida Statutes in coordination with the Pinellas County Planning Department; and

WHEREAS, the Fritzius residence, 823 10th Avenue South, is located within the incorporated limits of the City of St. Petersburg; and

WHEREAS, the Fritzius residence, 823 10th Avenue South, was designated as a contributing property in the Roser Park Local Historic District as expanded by the City of St. Petersburg on September 20, 2018; and

WHEREAS, this contributing property at 823 10th Avenue South is comprised essentially of grounds, collateral, appurtenances, and improvements and is more particularly described as:

CHICAGO SUB NO. 2, BLK 7, LOT 8; and

WHEREAS, according to public record this contributing property is presently owned by Christopher Fritzius; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Petersburg has reviewed and approved the Preconstruction Application (Part 1) and the Request for Review of Completed Work (Part 2) of the ad valorem tax exemption application (AVT 18-90400004) as submitted by the property owner; and

WHEREAS, completion of the improvements, as specified in the Request for Review of Completed Work (Part 2) and approved by the City of St Petersburg, were made by the property owner during the year 2018; and

WHEREAS, the St. Petersburg City Council has approved the request for a historic preservation exemption of the ad valorem taxes levied by the city for a ten (10) year period for one hundred percent (100%) of the value of said improvements made to the contributing property as authorized in Resolution No.# 2019-345 adopted on July 11, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the contributing property requests a historic preservation exemption of the ad valorem taxes levied by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners as outlined in their application; and

WHEREAS, the referenced covenant, resolution, and staff report from the City of St. Petersburg demonstrates that the improvements made to 823 10th Avenue South meet all criteria

for issuing the ad valorem tax exemption as described in Section 16.30.070.4 of the City Code, Chapter 118 of the Pinellas County Code, and Section 196.1997 of the Florida Statutes; and.

WHEREAS, the tax exemption shall be for one hundred percent (100%) of the value of said improvements made to the property located at 823 10th Avenue South for a ten (10) year period effective from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2028.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, in regular session duly assembled this 12th day of September 2019, hereby finds that this application for ad valorem tax exemption meets the requirements set forth in Chapter 118, Pinellas County Code and Section 196.1997, Florida Statutes; and, therefore, approves the ad valorem tax exemption for 823 10th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, a contributing property in the Roser Park Local Historic District, for a ten (10) year period at one hundred percent (100%) of the assessed value of improvements, as specified above, made to the property as a result of its restoration, renovation, and rehabilitation, effective as of January 1, 2019, subject to receipt of a certified copy of the recorded covenant within 120 days of Board of County Commissioners approval or said approval shall be void; and approves execution of the historic preservation tax exemption covenant on behalf of the County.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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

AYES: Seel, Gerard, Eggers, Justice, Peters, and Welch.

NAYS: None.

Absent and not voting: Long.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: 

Office of the County Attorney