

RESOLUTION NO. 17-19

A RESOLUTION BY THE PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVING A HISTORIC PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE LATHROP RESIDENCE, LOCATED AT 2601 3RD AVENUE NORTH, A CONTRIBUTING PROPERTY TO THE KENWOOD HISTORIC DISTRICT LISTED IN 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 Lathrop Residence, a contributing property to the Kenwood Historic District listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and described as below, which according to public record is presently owned by Randall A. Lathrop:

HALL'S CENTRAL A VE NO. 1 BLK 8, LOT 16; and

WHEREAS, the Keeper of the National Register in Washington, D.C. on February August 4, 2003, approved the nomination of the Kenwood 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 16-90400001) on August 9, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the St. Petersburg City Council approved an ad valorem tax exemption for improvements to the property located at 2601 3rd Avenue North, (Resolution No.# 2017-104) on March 2, 2017; 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 referenced historic preservation covenant and staff report from the City of St. Petersburg demonstrates that the improvements made to 2601 3rd Avenue North meet all criteria for issuing the 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; and

WHEREAS, the tax exemption shall be for a period of ten years which is from January 1, 2017, to December 31, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, in regular session duly assembled this 11th day of April 2017, hereby approves the ad valorem tax exemption for 2601 3rd Avenue North, a contributing property to the Kenwood Historic District listed in the National Register of Historic Places, located in the City of St. Petersburg, as consistent with local and state law subject to receipt of a certified copy of the recorded covenant within 120 days of Pinellas County Board

of County Commissioners approval or said approval shall be void; approves execution of the historic preservation tax exemption covenant on behalf of the County.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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

AYES: Long, Welch, Eggers, Seel, and Justice.

NAYS: None.

Absent and not voting: Gerard and Morrioni.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: 

Office of the County Attorney