

**STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Historic Preservation Advisory Board

**FROM:** Guy R. Giersch, Historic Preservation Officer

**THROUGH:** Mark Doty, Assistant Director of Planning

**SUBJECT:** Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider/Discuss/Act on the Request by Pat Dowell for Approval of a Level 1 Historic Neighborhood Improvement Zone Tax Exemption for the House Located at 700 West Virginia Street.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff is recommending approval of the Level 1 tax exemption for 700 West Virginia Street.

**PRIORITY RATING:** The property is listed as a high priority building according to the 2015 Update of the Historic Resource Survey. A high priority building contributes significantly to local history or broader historical patterns; is an outstanding or unique example of architecture, engineering or crafted design; retains a significant portion of its original character and contextual integrity; meets, in some cases, criteria for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places and/or is eligible for a Texas Historical Marker.

**ITEM SUMMARY:** With an associated agenda item, #HP2019-0021HTM, the applicant is requesting approval of a Historic Marker. If the Historic Preservation Advisory Board (HPAB) approves the applicant's request for a Historic Marker, then, under Ordinance 2015-12-105, the applicant is eligible to request that the HPAB consider an application for a Level 1 tax exemption (100% exemption of the City's ad valorem taxes for a period of 7 years).

Per the Collin Central Appraisal District, estimated ad valorem taxes for this property in 2019 are approximately \$1,839.

**ASSESSMENT:** Staff has inspected the house to confirm that the building has architectural integrity and has been properly rehabilitated/restored and maintained according to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.

In Staff's assessment, the applicants have met the requirements to obtain a tax exemption under Level 1 of the Historic Neighborhood Improvement Zone Tax Exemption Program. Therefore, Staff is recommending approval of the Level 1 tax exemption for 700 West Virginia Street.