



**HP2023-0082**

**TITLE:** Consider/Discuss/Act on the Request by Kristyn and Ben Love for Approval of a Historic Marker Level Historic Neighborhood Improvement Zone Program Tax Exemption for the Property Located at 507 W Lamar Street.

**COUNCIL GOAL:** Enhance the Quality of Life in Downtown McKinney

**MEETING DATE:** September 7, 2023

**DEPARTMENT:** Planning Department - Development Services

**CONTACT:** Cassie Bumgarner, Historic Preservation Planner  
Paula Jarrett Nasta, AIA, Planning Manager

**RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:**

- Staff recommends approval of the request.

**ITEM SUMMARY:**

- The applicant requests approval of a Historic Marker HNIZ Program tax exemption for the property located at 507 W Lamar Street.
- To be eligible for a tax exemption incentive under the HNIZ Program, residential properties must meet the minimum eligibility requirements of the program, along with specific criteria for the requested incentive level.
- Staff has reviewed the request and has found that it meets the minimum eligibility requirements of the HNIZ Program for a Historic Marker Level exemption.
- Specifically, the criteria for a Historic Marker Level incentive are as follows:
  - The property has received a historic marker designation pursuant to the Historic Mark Program requirements outlined in Chapter 98 of the City's Code of Ordinances.
    - The property owners are applying for a City of McKinney Historic Marker on September 7, 2023.

- A minimum investment of \$10,000 in building improvements for the property has been demonstrated within at least the previous 3 years from the date of the incentive request.
  - Within the last three years, the owners have completed rehabilitation efforts to the structure, including:
    - Exterior paint (\$5,798.20)
    - HVAC (\$5,112.00)

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

- The Historic Neighborhood Improvement Zone (HNIZ) Program was established in 2008 for the purpose of preserving the city’s unique and historic neighborhoods while encouraging property owners to maintain and/or rehabilitate residential properties and structures.
- The HNIZ Program includes a three-tiered incentive structure whereby residential properties that meet specified criteria are eligible to receive ad valorem tax exemptions on city taxes for a designated period of time.
- To be eligible for an HNIZ Program incentive, the following minimum general requirements apply:
  - The property shall be located within the HNIZ Program area.
  - The property shall be owner-occupied and shall maintain a homestead exemption from the Collin Central Appraisal District for the life of the incentive period.
  - Verified, eligible improvements shall have received all necessary permits and approvals, including COAs.
  - The structure, accessory structures, grounds, property elements and building elements with their materials and finishes have been maintained in good repair and in operable condition.
  - There are no pending code violations.
  - The total ad valorem taxes owed to the city must be current and paid on time.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY:**

- A Historic Marker incentive carries a one-time, 100% exemption from city ad valorem taxes for a period of ten years.
- In order to limit potential budgetary concerns, the HNIZ Program has an annual aggregate cap of \$500,000 for the total amount of city ad valorem taxes that can be exempted in any budget year.

- Under the current program, Staff estimates that the total amount of ad valorem tax revenues eligible to be forgone is approximately \$285,000.

**SUPPORTING MATERIALS:**

[Application and Receipts](#)  
[Presentation](#)