

ORDINANCE NO. BL2019-___

An ordinance amending Metropolitan Code Chapters 5.20 and 17.40 authorizing the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County to come under the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated Section 67-5-218 and establishing a Historic Property Review Board empowered to abate property taxes relating to certain improvements or restorations made to historic properties (Proposal No. 2019Z-018TX-001).

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County to encourage the preservation and adaptive reuse of historic properties; and

WHEREAS, T.C.A. § 67-5-218 authorizes a county that meets certain requirements to appoint a Historic Properties Review Board for that jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the decision to come under T.C.A. § 67-5-218 to allow for the creation of a Historic Property Review Board and the abatement of certain property taxes as provided in the statute requires a majority vote of the governing body of the county pursuant to T.C.A. § 67-5-218(c)(1); and

WHEREAS, the existing Historic Zoning Commission meets the requirements for the makeup of the Historic Property Review Board as defined by T.C.A. § 67-5-218(a)(2)(A); and

WHEREAS, the members of the Historic Zoning Commission are knowledgeable on the historic properties in Nashville and Davidson County and are capable of establishing the required criteria for certification of historic properties as stipulated in T.C.A. § 67-5-218(a)(2)(B).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That Metropolitan Code Chapter 5.20 is hereby amended by creating a new section 5.20.100 as follows:

5.20.100 – Historic Property Improvement and Restoration Tax Abatement Program.

- A. The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated Section 67-5-218 shall be applicable to the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County.
- B. The historic zoning commission as established by Article IX of Chapter 17.40 of the Metropolitan Code shall serve as the historic property review board for Nashville and Davidson County.
- C. The historic property review board shall develop criteria for certification of historic properties pursuant to T.C.A. § 67-5-218(a)(2)(B).
- D. The historic property review board shall review and approve property tax abatements for improvements or restorations made to historic properties that meet the criteria for certification as established by the historic property review board or that meet other conditions for approval as established in T.C.A. § 67-5-218(a)(B)(3).

Section 2. That Metropolitan Code Section 17.40.410 is hereby amended by inserting a new subsection D as follows and renumbering the subsequent sections accordingly:

- D. Historic Property Review Board. The historic zoning commission shall carry the responsibilities and perform the duties of the historic property review board as established in T.C.A. § 67-5-218.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

INTRODUCED BY:

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