

**SALINAS PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-07**

Resolution Recommending City Council Approval of an amendment to the Historic Resources Board (HRB) Ordinance to include a Mills Act Tax Savings Program for historic properties and miscellaneous minor corrections along with a corresponding resolution implementing said program for a five-year term

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2016, the Salinas Planning Commission, at the request of the Applicant, the City of Salinas, held a duly noticed public hearing to consider an amendment to the Historic Resources Board (HRB) Ordinance to include a Mills Act Tax Savings Program for historic properties and miscellaneous minor corrections along with a corresponding resolution implementing said program for a five-year term; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission weighed the evidence presented at said public hearing, including the Staff Report which is on file at the Community Development Department together with the record of environmental review; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Salinas Planning Commission that the Commission adopts the proposed resolution recommending City Council amend the Historic Resources Board (HRB) Ordinance to include a Mills Act Tax Savings Program for historic properties and miscellaneous minor corrections along with a corresponding resolution implementing said program for a five-year term; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Salinas Planning Commission adopts the following findings as the basis for its determination, and that the foregoing recitations are true and correct, and are included herein by reference as findings:

Environmental Determination:

The environmental impacts of the project have been analyzed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The proposed program and ordinance amendments are categorically exempt (Classes 5 and 31) from further environmental analysis per CEQA Guidelines Sections 15035 (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations) and 15331 (Historic Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation).

For the Ordinance Amendment and Resolution:

1. The miscellaneous changes to the Historic Resources Board ordinance are minor in nature and are intended for clarification and correction of three ordinance sections.
2. California Government Code section 50280, et seq. (the Mills Act) authorizes cities to enter into contracts (with the owners of qualified historical property) to provide for the use, maintenance and restoration of such historical property so to retain its characteristics as property of historical significance.

3. The City of Salinas General Plan and Zoning Ordinance contain policies and regulations to promote the preservation, maintenance, rehabilitation, and restoration of historic properties within the City limits.
4. Pursuant to City of Salinas Code Chapter 2, Article XI, Section 2-62 has established procedures to identify and designate historic resources within the City.
5. The City recognizes that the reduction in property taxes provided by the Mills Act will act as a monetary incentive to acquire, designate, maintain, and rehabilitate historic property.
6. Mills Act preservation agreements will have beneficial effects on residential neighborhoods, businesses, community pride, and regional image.
7. The City of Salinas Municipal Code Chapter 2, Article XI, Section 2-71 states that the application process, review procedures and required contract provision for preservation agreements shall be established by separate resolution of the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this first day of June, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: Chairperson Meeks, Commissioners Anzo, Nohr, Hill, Hunter, Ibarra

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Salinas, that said Resolution was passed and adopted by the affirmative and majority vote of said Planning Commission at a meeting held on June 1, 2016, and that said Resolution has not been modified, amended, or rescinded, and is now in full force and effect.

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Date: June 1, 2016

Courtney Grossman
Secretary