

Resolution No.

A Resolution in support of an application for the creation of the Fairfield Highland Cultural District

WHEREAS, Act 298 of the 2007 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorizes Local Governing Authorities to create Cultural Districts as a mechanism for community revitalization through the creation of hubs of cultural activity; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of Cultural Development is authorized to develop standard criteria for cultural districts and to determine whether or not a proposed Cultural District meets those criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of Cultural Development has promulgated administrative rules which set forth the procedure for Local Governing Authorities to submit applications to designate and certify a specified geographic area as a Cultural District; and

WHEREAS, the geographic area with the City of Shreveport, Parish of Caddo, may meet the criteria for the creation of a Cultural District which area is generally comprised of the territory within the following boundaries:  
(see attached)

and

WHEREAS, within the boundaries of a state-certified Cultural District, several tax incentives may be available including (1) a sales tax exemption on the sale of certain original works of art, (2) individual income tax credits for eligible expenses incurred during the rehabilitation of certain owner-occupied residential or owner-occupied mixed use structures, and (3) income and corporate franchise tax credits for eligible expenses incurred during the rehabilitation of certain historic structures; and

WHEREAS, only a Local Governing Authority is authorized to submit an application for the designation and certification of a Cultural District; and

WHEREAS, a "Local Governing Authority" is defined by LAC 25:1101 as "the governing authority of the parish in which the Cultural District is located unless the district is located in a municipality, in which case "Local Governing Authority" shall mean the governing authority of the municipality. If the district is located partly in a municipality, "Local Governing Authority" shall mean the governing authority of the parish and the governing authority of the parish and the governing authority of the municipality"; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Highland is located entirely within the municipality of Shreveport and therefore the City Council of Shreveport would be the proper entity to submit an application for the certification and designation of the above described geographic area as a Cultural District.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of Shreveport does hereby:

1. Support and endorse the submission of an application to the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of Cultural Development to designate the Fairfield Highland as a state certified Cultural District; and
2. Delegate its authority to submit said application and all supporting documents, reports, and other forms required for the creation, administration, and reporting to David Oliver (name of individual or organization with delegated authority to perform such functions on behalf of the Local Governing Authority, e.g., and individual contractor, a private volunteer, a civic organizations, etc.) subject to the following limitations and restrictions:

(if any)

3. Direct all city employees to support and cooperate with efforts to compile all necessary information and data required for the application and all subsequent reporting necessary for the administration of the Cultural District
4. Request all affected citizens and businesses to support and promote activities consistent with the purposes of the Cultural District
5. Authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents required for the creation and administration of the Fairfield Highland cultural district subject to the following limitations and restrictions:  
(if any)

ADOPTED ON THIS                      Day of                      , 2010.

Name, Secretary and/or Chairman