



THE
Original
DENTON
DISTRICT

**Required Attachments:
Resolution of Endorsement
from City Government**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENTON IN SUPPORT OF THE ORIGINAL DENTON DISTRICT SEEKING STATE DESIGNATION AS AN OFFICIAL CULTURAL DISTRICT FROM THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON THE ARTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Denton has established and designated the Original Denton District, depicted in Exhibit "A," as a cultural district of the City of Denton; and

WHEREAS, the Original Denton District is a nationally recognized area with a decades-long tradition of art, music, entertainment, cultural heritage, and historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Original Denton District is home to a large concentration of art, artists, musicians, performance venues, restaurants, bars, festivals, parades, community events, historic sites, parks, and complementary businesses that contribute to the local creative economy and enhance the culture and attractiveness of Denton for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City's history, location, and the influence of the University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University, together with an artistic, musical, and entrepreneurial culture have made the Original Denton District a cultural destination that attracts more than 1 million visitors annually; and

WHEREAS, the City has a vision to further enhance the cultural amenities and assets located in the Original Denton District, preserve Denton's heritage and history, promote the unique and thriving art and music scene, and manage compatible and sustainable growth to foster neighborhood pride and protect community character; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the past, present, and future contributions of art and artists living and working in the Original Denton District; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City of Denton, as adopted in City of Denton Policy 100.02, to provide equal access to all City sponsored services, programs, and activities for citizens and employees with disabilities, as provided by the "Americans with Disabilities Act" of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12101, et seq., as the same may be amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 444.031 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Commission on the Arts has authority to designate cultural districts in cities across Texas to create special zones that harness the power of cultural resources to stimulate economic development and community revitalization; and

WHEREAS, an application for the designation of a cultural district must be submitted pursuant to Texas Commission on the Arts guidelines and approved by the Texas Commission on the Arts for an area to be designated a cultural district; and

WHEREAS, the City has developed the necessary application materials and desires to make an application to the Texas Commission on the Arts to achieve the official state cultural district designation for the Original Denton District; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENTON HEREBY RESOLVES:

SECTION 1. The City Council supports the Original Denton District’s effort to achieve an official state cultural district designation. The City endorses the submission of an application and agrees to participate in the development and financial support of the Original Denton District.

SECTION 2. The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to sign and submit an application to the Texas Commission on the Arts seeking a Texas Cultural District Designation for the Original Denton District.

SECTION 3. The City Council endorses the goal of economic development of the Original Denton District within the context of preservation and rehabilitation of our historic buildings.

SECTION 4. The City Council endorses the goal of tourism development of the Original Denton District within the context of contributing to the overall visitor development goals of the City.

SECTION 5. The City Council has charged the Public Art Committee as the oversight board for cultural districts and any matters pertaining to the Original Denton District may be presented to the Public Art Committee for consideration and recommendation to the City Council.

SECTION 6. The City Council directs staff to actively support, develop, and maintain the Original Denton District.

SECTION 7. The City Council requests all residents of the City and especially those citizens who own property or businesses within the Original Denton District to support, promote and help maintain activities in the Original Denton District.

The motion to approve this resolution was made by _____ and seconded by _____, the resolution was passed and approved by the following vote [____ - ____]:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Mayor, Chris Watts:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Gerard Hudspeth, District 1:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Keely G. Briggs, District 2:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jesse Davis, District 3:	_____	_____	_____	_____
John Ryan, District 4:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Deb Armintor, At Large Place 5:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Paul Meltzer, At Large Place 6:	_____	_____	_____	_____

PASSED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2019.

CHRIS WATTS, MAYOR

ATTEST:
ROSA RIOS, CITY SECRETARY

BY: _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
AARON LEAL, CITY ATTORNEY

BY: *Mack Reinwald*

EXHIBIT A
Original Denton District – Boundary Map

