

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: May 1, 2018 [X] Consent [] Regular
[] Workshop [] Public Hearing
Department: Planning, Zoning, and Building Department
Submitted By: Planning Division
Submitted For: Planning Division

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to:

- A) **Adopt** a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) of Palm Beach County, Florida, granting a County tax exemption for the historic rehabilitation of the property located at 226 South L Street, Lake Worth, (Residential).
- B) **Approve** a restrictive covenant for 226 South L Street, Lake Worth, (Residential) requiring the qualifying improvements be maintained during the period that the tax exemption is granted.

Summary: The resolution will authorize a County tax exemption for the following historic property located within the City of Lake Worth: 226 South L Street, (property is privately owned for residential use).


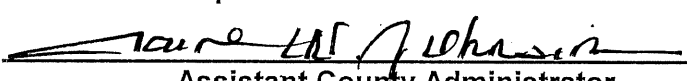
If granted, the tax exemption shall take effect January 1, 2018, and shall remain in effect for 10 years, or until December 31, 2027. The exemption shall apply to 100 percent of the assessed value of all improvements to the historic property, which resulted from restoration, renovation, or rehabilitation of the property. The estimated total tax exempted for the 10 years ending December 31, 2027, is \$5,259. Actual exemption amounts will be based upon the Countywide Millage rate on a yearly basis. It is estimated that approximately \$525.97 tax dollars will be exempted annually based on the 2018 Countywide Millage Rate. Accompanying each resolution is a restrictive covenant, which requires the qualifying improvements be maintained during the period that each tax exemption is granted. For fiscal year 2017-2018, the BCC has approved a total of 6 exemptions totaling \$36,583. Cumulatively, this would total \$365,844.14 over the 10 year period. District 3 (RPB)

Background and Justification: On October 17, 1995, the BCC adopted a historic property tax exemption ordinance, Ordinance No. 95-41, applicable countywide. The ordinance allows a qualifying local government to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the County to perform review functions necessary to implement the ordinance within its municipal boundary. An Interlocal Agreement was approved by the BCC on February 3, 1998, R 98 170 D, authorizing the City of Lake Worth Historic Preservation Board to perform the required review to implement the tax exemption ordinance on improvements to historic landmark properties within the City.

Copies of the City of Lake Worth Landmarks Preservation Commission and other backup information for the property are available for review at the County's Planning Division.

Attachments:

- 1. Property Owner List
- 2. Resolution (2 copies)
- 3. Historic Preservation Property Tax Exemption Covenant (1 copy)
- 4. City of Lake Worth Historic Tax Exemption Resolution (1 copy)
- 5. Tax Break Down by Property, Annual and 10 Year Total

Recommended by:  4/2/18
Department Director Date
Approved By:  4/10/18
Assistant County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenues	\$525	\$525	\$525	\$525	\$525
Program Income(County)					
In-Kind Match(County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT	\$525	\$525	\$525	\$525	\$525
#ADDITIONAL FTE					
POSITIONS (CUMULATIVE)					

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes No
 Does this item include the use of federal funds? Yes No

Budget Account No:

Fund Agency Organization Object

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

There is no direct fiscal impact on the Planning, Zoning and Building Department from granting a tax exemption for each property. The overall County impact is a reduction of collectable taxes. Tax revenue is to be reduced at the most by the tax on the improvements made to the structure. The estimated improvement costs attributed solely to work to these historic buildings totals \$110,000. Estimated exemption will be based upon the Countywide Millage Rate \$(4.7815), it is estimated that approximately \$525.97 tax dollars will be exempted annually.

The estimated total tax exempted for the 10 years ending December 31, 2027, is \$5,259 (\$525.97 x 10).

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

Pat D'Agostino

III. REVIEW COMMENTS:

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

Lisa Ponce 4/5/18
 OFMB 4/4 4/4
 AK 4/5

Dr. J. Jacobson 4/6/18
 Contract Dev. & Control
 4/6/18

B. Legal Sufficiency

[Signature] 4/9/18
 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review

 Department Director

(THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT)

PROPERTY OWNER LIST

**2018 City of Lake Worth
Historic Property Tax Exemption**

Property Owner - Address - Use of Building

Owners: Anne Fairfax Ellett

Property: 226 S L Street
Lake Worth, FL 33460

Use: Residential

RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING AN AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE HISTORIC REHABILITATION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 226 SOUTH L STREET, LAKE WORTH, AS FURTHER LEGALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Florida amended the Florida Constitution, Article VII, Section 3, to authorize counties and municipalities to grant a partial ad valorem tax exemption to owners of historic properties for improvements to such properties which are the result of the restoration, renovation, or rehabilitation of the historic properties; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners have approved an ordinance providing for an ad valorem tax exemption for the restoration, renovation, and/or improvement of historic properties within the County (Ordinance No. 95-41); and

WHEREAS, the ad valorem tax exemption is one means of offering a financial incentive to increase interest in restoring, renovating, and improving the County's historic structures; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners have approved an interlocal agreement with the City of Lake Worth (R-98 170 D) for implementation of tax exemptions on improvements to historic landmark properties; and,

WHEREAS, this interlocal agreement delegates review of properties within the City of Lake Worth to the municipal historic preservation agency; and,

WHEREAS, this property has been certified as a qualified property by the City of Lake Worth based on the fact that the property is a locally designated historic property or landmark, in accordance with local historic preservation ordinance (LW Ordinance No. 97-26); and,

WHEREAS, the property owner, Anne Fairfax Ellett, filed a Preconstruction Application and received preliminary approval from the City of Lake Worth Historic Preservation Board on January 11, 2017, for an ad valorem tax

exemption for the historic renovation and restoration of the property located at 226 South L Street, Lake Worth; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Worth Historic Preservation Board reviewed the Final Application on November 8, 2017, for a determination that the completed improvements were consistent with the United States Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, and recommended approval to grant an ad valorem City tax exemption to Anne Fairfax Ellett, for the restoration, renovation, and improvement to the property located at 226 South L Street, Lake Worth; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Worth City Commission on December 5, 2017, determined that the completed improvements were consistent with the United States Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, and granted an ad valorem City tax exemption to Anne Farifax Ellett, for the restoration, renovation, and improvement to the property located at, 226 South L Street, Lake Worth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby approve an ad valorem County tax exemption to the property owner, Anne Fairfax Ellett, for a 10-year period, commencing on the January 1, 2018, from that portion of ad valorem County taxes levied on the increase in assessed value resulting from the renovation, restoration, and rehabilitation of the property located at 226 South L Street, Lake Worth, which property is as legally described as follows and which improvements are described in HPB Case No. 16-001000082:

TOWN OF LAKE WORTH LT 4 BLK 91, according to the
Public Records of Palm Beach County, Florida.

2. Prior to the ad valorem tax exemption described herein being effective, Anne Fairfax Ellett shall execute and record a restrictive covenant in a form established by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Historical

Resources, requiring the qualifying improvements be maintained during the period that the tax exemption is granted.

3. The Board finds that the property meets the requirements for tax exemption under Section 196.1997, Florida Statutes.

4. The provisions of this resolution shall become effective upon the execution of this agreement.

5. One copy of this agreement shall be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Palm Beach County.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

- Commissioner Melissa McKinlay, Mayor
- Commissioner Mack Bernard, Vice Mayor
- Commissioner Hal R. Valeche
- Commissioner Paulette Burdick
- Commissioner Dave Kerner
- Commissioner Steven L. Abrams
- Commissioner Mary Lou Berger

The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2018.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER

SHARON R. BOCK,
CLERK & COMPTROLLER

BY: 
Asst. County Attorney

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER

SHARON R. BOCK,
CLERK & COMPTROLLER

BY: 
Asst. County Attorney

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION COVENANT

This Covenant is made this _____ day of _____, 20___, by Anne Fairfax Ellett, (hereinafter referred to as the Owner(s) and in favor of Palm Beach County (hereinafter referred to as the Local Government) for the purpose of the restoration, renovation or rehabilitation, of a certain Property located at 226 S L Street, Lake Worth, FL 33460, which is owned in fee simple by the Owner and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places or locally designated under the terms of a local preservation ordinance or is a contributing property to a National Register listed district or a contributing property to a historic district under the terms of a local preservation ordinance. The areas of significance of this property, as defined in the National Register nomination or local designation report for the property or the district in which it is located are x architecture, x history, _____ archaeology.

The Property is comprised essentially of grounds, collateral, appurtenances, and improvements. The property is more particularly described as follows (include city reference, consisting of repository, book, and page numbers:

TOWN OF LAKE WORTH LT 4 BLK 91, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in the Public Records of Palm Beach County, Florida.

In consideration of the tax exemption granted by the Local Government, the Owner hereby agrees to the following for the period of the tax exemption which is from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2027.

1. The Owner agrees to assume the cost of the continued maintenance and repair of said Property so as to preserve the architectural, historical, or archaeological integrity of the same in order to protect and enhance those qualities that made the Property eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or designation under the provisions of the preservation ordinance.
2. The Owner agrees that no structural alterations will be made to the Property without prior written permission of the Local Historic Preservation Office. The address of the certified Local Historic Preservation Office is, if one exists in the jurisdiction:

City of Lake Worth:
Division of Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation
1900 2nd Avenue North
Lake Worth, FL 33461
Telephone Number: (561) 586-1687

The address of the Division of Historic Resources is:
Bureau of Historic Preservation
Division of Historical Resources
R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250
Telephone Number: (850) 487-2333

3. [Only for properties of archaeological significance] The Owner agrees to ensure the protection of the site against willful damage or vandalism. Nothing in this Covenant shall prohibit the Owner from developing the site in such a manner that will not threaten or damage the archaeological resource, provided that permission for alteration of the site is obtained pursuant to 2. Above.
4. The Owner agrees that the Local Historic Preservation Office and appropriate representatives of the Local Government, their agents and designees shall have the right to inspect the Property at all reasonable times in order to ascertain whether or not the conditions of this covenant are being observed.

5. In the event of the non-performance or violation of the maintenance provision of the Covenant by the Owner or any successor-in-interest during the term of the Covenant, the Local Historic Preservation Office will report such violation to the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector who shall take action pursuant to s. 196.1997 (7), F.S. The Owner shall be required to pay the difference between the total amount of taxes which would have been due in March in each of the previous years in which the Covenant was in effect had the property not received the exemption and the total amount of taxes actually paid in those years, plus interest on the difference calculated as provided in s. 212.12 (3) F.S.

6. If the Property is damaged by accidental or natural causes during the Covenant period, the Owner will inform the Local Historic Preservation Office in writing of the damage to the Property, including (1) an assessment of the nature and extent of the damage; and (2) an estimate of the cost of restoration or reconstruction work necessary to return the Property to the condition existing at the time of project completion. In order to maintain the tax exemption, the Owner shall complete the restoration or reconstruction work necessary to return the Property to the condition existing at the time of project completion on a schedule agreed upon by the Owner and the Local Historic Preservation Office.

7. If the Property has been destroyed or severely damaged by accidental or natural causes, that is, if the historical integrity of the features, materials, appearance, workmanship, and environment, or archaeological integrity which made property eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or designation under the terms of the local preservation ordinance have lost or so damaged that restoration is not feasible, the Owner will notify the Local Historic Preservation Office in writing of the loss. The Local Historic Preservation Office will evaluate the information provided and notify the Owner in writing of its determination regarding removal of the Property from eligibility for tax exemption. If the Local Historic Preservation Office determines that the property should be removed from eligibility for tax exemption, it will notify the Property Appraiser of the county in which the Property is located in writing so that the tax exemption can be canceled for the remainder of the Covenant period. In such cases, no penalty or interest shall be assessed against the Owner.

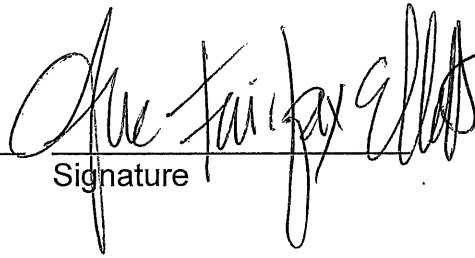
8. If it appears that the historical integrity of the features, materials, appearance, workmanship, and environment, or archaeological integrity which made the Property eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or designation under the terms of the local preservation ordinance have been lost or damaged deliberately or through gross negligence of the Owner, the Local Historic Preservation Office shall notify the Owner in writing. For the purpose of this Covenant, "gross negligence" means omission of care that even inattentive and thoughtless persons never fail to take of their own property. The Owner shall have 30 days to respond indicating any circumstances which show that the damage was not deliberate or due to gross negligence. If the Owner cannot show such circumstances, he shall develop a plan for restoration of the Property and a schedule for completion of the restoration. In order to maintain the tax exemption, the Owner shall complete the restoration work necessary to return the Property to the condition existing at the time of project completion on a time schedule agreed upon by the Owner and the Local Historic Preservation Office. If the Owner does not complete the restoration work on the agreed upon time schedule, the Local Historic Preservation Office will report such violation to the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector who shall take action pursuant to s. 196.1997 (7), F.S. The Owner shall be required to pay the differences between the total amount of taxes which would have been due in March in each of the previous years in which the Covenant was in effect had the property not received the exemption and the total amount of taxes actually paid in those years, plus interest on the difference calculated as provided in s. 212.12 (3), F.S.

9. The terms of this Covenant shall be binding on the current Property owner, transferees, and their heirs, successors, or assigns.

This Covenant shall be enforceable in specific performance by a court of competent jurisdiction.

OWNER(S):

Anne Fairfax Ellett
Name


Signature

2/20/18
Date

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Owner and Local Government have executed or have caused this Agreement.

ATTEST:

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Sharon R. Bock, Clerk & Comptroller

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

BY: _____
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

BY: _____
County Attorney

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF PALM BEACH

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 20 day of February, 2018 by Anne Fairfax Ellett, who are personally known to me or who have produced FL driver license, and is personally known to me, respectively, (indicate form of identification) (if left blank personal knowledge existed) as identification.

Mariah Nash
Notary Public State of Florida

Notary Print Name:
Mariah Nash

My Commission Expires:

6/8/20

(NOTARY SEAL)



71-2017

RESOLUTION NO. 71-2017 OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA, GRANTING AN AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 226 SOUTH L STREET, LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA, AS A RESULT OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION/ REHABILITATION OF THE PROPERTY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Worth has adopted the Historic Preservation Program that is designed to preserve, protect, enhance, and perpetuate resources which represent distinctive and significant elements of the City's historical, cultural, social, economic, political, archaeological, and architectural identity; and/or serve as visible reminders of the City's culture and heritage; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Florida amended the Florida Constitution, Article VII, Section 3, to authorize counties and municipalities to grant a partial ad valorem tax exemption to owners of historic properties for improvements to such properties which are the result of the restoration, renovation, or rehabilitation of the historic properties; and

WHEREAS, Section 196.1997, Florida Statutes, establishes the process by which such exemption may be granted to property owners; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Worth is an approved Certified Local Government to perform the review functions necessary for Historic Tax Exemption applications; and

WHEREAS, the City passed Ordinance No. 97-26, which approved an ad valorem tax exemption for the restoration, renovation, and/or improvement of historic properties, which provides that upon completion of the review of a Final Application/Request for Review of Completed Work, the Historic Preservation Planner shall present such Final Application in a regularly scheduled meeting of the Historic Resources Preservation Board and shall recommend that the Historic Resources Preservation Board recommend approval or deny the exemption to the City Commission; and

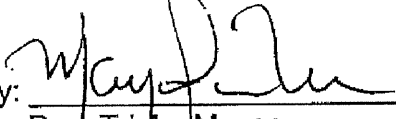
WHEREAS, the property owner filed a preconstruction application and received preliminary approval from the Historic Resources Preservation Board on January 11, 2017, for an ad valorem tax exemption upon completion of the historic renovation and restoration of the property located at 226 South L Street, Lake Worth (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2017, the Historic Resource Preservation Board reviewed the Completed Work Application and made a determination that the completed improvements were consistent with the United States Secretary of Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation*, that the requirements of Section 196.1997, Florida Statutes, have been met, and recommended granting an ad valorem City tax exemption for the Property.

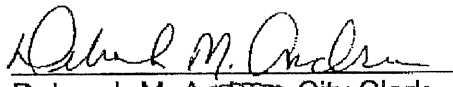
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA, that:

The Mayor thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted on the 5th day of December, 2017.

LAKE WORTH CITY COMMISSION

By: 
Pam Tridlo, Mayor

ATTEST:


Deborah M. Anderson, City Clerk



Attachment 5
Tax Break Down By Property, Annual and 10 Year Total
2018 City of Lake Worth County Tax Exemption

Property	Total Cost of Improvements	Estimated Improvement Costs to Historic Buildings	Annual	10 Year Total
226 South L Street	\$150,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$525.97	\$5,259.65
Total	150,000.00	110,000.00	\$525.97	\$5,259.65

Local government millage rate = 4.7815
 (estimated improvement cost) x (.0047815) = (annual estimated tax dollars exempted)

Note: Annual Total amount is rounded up after the decimal.