

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE EMANCIPATION AVENUE CORRIDOR WALKABLE PLACE DESIGNATION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 33 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, IDENTIFYING AND ESTABLISHING STREET CLASSIFICATIONS ON THE WALKABLE PLACES PLAN; MAKING FINDINGS AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Department (the "Department") and the Planning Commission (the "Commission") of the City of Houston, Texas (the "City"), along with other City departments, stakeholders, and members of the public, undertook and has completed work on the Walkable Places Project that began on January 11, 2017, and recommended amendments to the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas, to implement the goals of increased walkability in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recommended the Code amendments be forwarded to the City Council on May 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Council approved such Code amendments on 8/05, 2020, with an effective date of 10/01/20; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Walkable Places Project, the Department and Commission identified three areas in the City to serve as the initial designations on the City's Walkable Places Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Emancipation Avenue Corridor Designation (the "Proposed Designation") is one of three areas identified by the Department as being an area where current and anticipated development trends will facilitate the goal to create more vibrant, walkable streets that support pedestrian-friendly development, within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Department held four community meetings and one community design workshop in the area to present information and receive comments on the Proposed Designation from area residents and property owners, community stakeholders, and members of the public between June 9, 2018 and October 21, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Director recommended the designation to the Commission, which conducted a public hearing on the designation on March 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Commission voted to recommend that the City Council designate the Proposed Designation; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the findings and recitals contained in the preamble of this Ordinance are declared to be true and correct and are hereby adopted and made a part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. That the City Council hereby establishes the Proposed Designation as approximately described below in Section 3, and as depicted on the map in **Exhibit "A,"** which is attached to this Ordinance.

Section 3. That the City Council hereby establishes the following streets as a Walkable Places Street within the Proposed Designation to be shown on the City's Walkable Places Plan:

- A. Emancipation Avenue, from Pierce Street to Truxillo Street;
- B. McGowen Street, from Bastrop Street to St. Charles Street; and
- C. Elgin Street, from Hutchins Street to Live Oak Street.

Section 4. That the City Council hereby establishes the following Street Classification for the Proposed Designation in accordance with Section 33-424 of the Code of Ordinances:

Street Name	Designation	Pedestrian Realm		Minimum Unobstructed Sidewalk Width	Minimum Right-of-way Width
		Minimum Width	Measured From		
Emancipation	Primary	20 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	8 feet	As Established by the City's Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan (the "MTFP")
McGowen	Primary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	As Established by the MTFP
Elgin	Primary	20 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	As Established by the MTFP

Section 5. That the Director may assign a sequential number to this Proposed Designation for purposes of identification in the Walkable Places Plan.

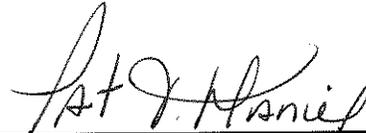
Section 6. That there exists a public emergency requiring that this Ordinance be passed finally on the date of its introduction as requested in writing by the Mayor; therefore, this Ordinance shall be passed finally on such date and shall take effect at 12:01 A.M., October 1, 2020.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of August 2020.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____ 2020.

Mayor of the City of Houston

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter, the effective date of this foregoing Ordinance is AUG 1 1 2020, 2020.



City Secretary

Prepared by Legal Dept.
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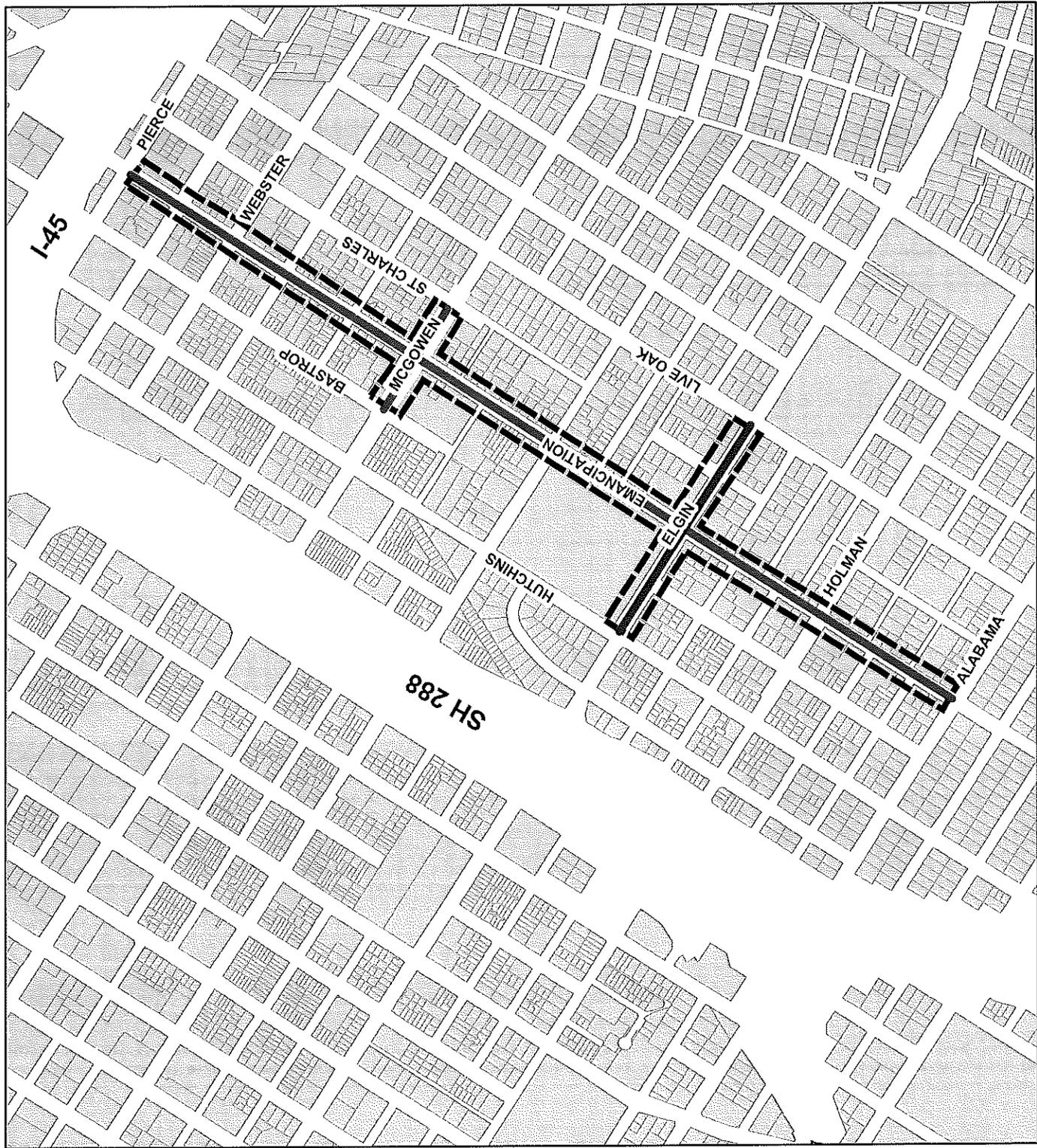
Senior Assistant City Attorney

Requested by Margaret Wallace Brown, Director
Planning and Development Department
(L.D. File No. 0612000207001)

CAPTION PUBLISHED IN DAILY COURT
REVIEW
DATE: **AUG 1 1 2020**

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✓		MAYOR TURNER
....	COUNCIL MEMBERS
✓		PECK
		ABSENT-ON PERSONAL BUSINESS
✓		DAVIS
✓		KAMIN
✓		EVANS-SHABAZZ
✓		MARTIN
✓		THOMAS
✓		TRAVIS
✓		CISNEROS
✓		GALLEGOS
✓		POLLARD
✓		MARTHA CASTEX-TATUM
		ABSENT-ON PERSONAL BUSINESS
✓		KNOX
✓		ROBINSON
✓		KUBOSH
✓		PLUMMER
✓		ALCORN
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Exhibit "A"



Proposed Walkable Places
Pilot Area Boundary:
Emancipation Avenue

Legend

-  Primary
-  Boundary
-  HCAD Parcels

Source:
Date: 6.10.2020
Reference:

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