

City of Houston, Texas, Ordinance No. 2020 - 687

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MIDTOWN 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 Midtown Area 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 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 14, 2018 and October 24, 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 streets described in **Exhibit "B"** which is attached to this Ordinance, as a Walkable Places Street to be shown on the City's Walkable Places Plan and assigns the corresponding Street Classification for each street listed in the exhibit in accordance with Section 33-424 of the Code of Ordinances.

Section 4. That the Director may assign a sequential number to this Proposed Designation for purposes of identification in the Walkable Places Plan.

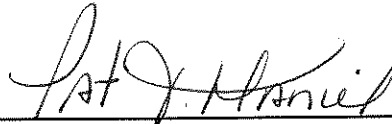
Section 5. That there exists a public emergency requiring that this Ordinance be passed finally on the date of its introduction as requested in writing by the Mayor; therefore, this Ordinance shall be passed finally on such date and shall take effect at 12:01 A.M., October 1, 2020.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of August 2020.

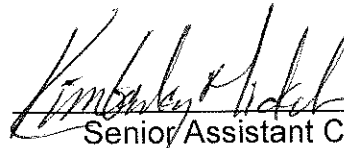
APPROVED this _____ day of _____ 2020.

Mayor of the City of Houston

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter, the effective date of this foregoing Ordinance is AUG 11 2020, 2020.



 City Secretary

Prepared by Legal Dept. 
 KM/sec 07/31/2020 Senior Assistant City Attorney
 Requested by Margaret Wallace Brown, Director
 Planning and Development Department
 (L.D. File No. 0612000208001)

AYE	NO	
✓		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
CAPTION	ADOPTED	



CAPTION PUBLISHED IN DAILY COURT
 REVIEW
 DATE: **AUG 11 2020**

Exhibit "A"



**Proposed Walkable Place
Pilot Area: Midtown**

WP Street Type

-  Primary
-  Secondary
-  Boundary
-  HCAD Parcels

Source:
Date: 06.10.2020
Reference:

This map is made available for reference purposes only and should not be substituted for a survey product. The City of Houston will not accept liability of any kind in conjunction with its use.



**PLANNING &
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Exhibit B: Street Classification Table

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Street Name	Segment Description	Designation	Pedestrian Realm		Minimum Unobstructed Sidewalk Width	Minimum Right-of-Way Width
			Minimum Width	Measured From		
Alabama Street	Spur 527 to Interstate 69	Primary	20 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	8 feet	As Established by the MTPF
Almeda Street	Winbern Street to Interstate 69	Primary	20 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	8 feet	As Established by the MTPF
Anita Street	Bagby Street to Hamilton Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Austin Street	Interstate 45 to Holman Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
	Alabama Street to Interstate 69	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Bagby Street	Elgin Street to Heiner Street	Primary	20 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	8 feet	As Established by the MTPF
Barbee Street	Caroline Street to Austin Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Berry Street	Spur 527 to Travis Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
	Main Street to San Jacinto Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Branard Street	Chenevert Street to Hamilton Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
	Spur 527 to Travis Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Brandt Street	Richmond Street to Colquitt Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Brazos Street	Interstate 45 to Spur 527	Primary	20 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	8 feet	As Established by the MTPF
Bremond Street	Bagby Street to Brazos Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet

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Bremond Street	Main Street to San Jacinto Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
	Austin Street to LaBranch Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
	Crawford Street to Chenevert Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Bute Street	Richmond Street to Colquitt Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
	Interstate 45 to Holman Street	Primary	20 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	8 feet	60 feet
Caroline Street	Alabama Street to Interstate 69	Primary	20 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	8 feet	60 feet
	Interstate 45 to Alabama Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Chenevert Street	Main Street to Interstate 69	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Cleburne Street	Spur 527 to Main Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
	Interstate 45 to Holman Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	As Established by the MTFP
Crawford Street	Holman Street to Winbern Street	Primary	20 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	8 feet	As Established by the MTFP
	Isabella Street to Interstate 69	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
	Bagby Street to Travis Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Dennis Street	Main Street to Hamilton Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
	Bagby Street to Milam Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Drew Street	Main Street to San Jacinto Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet

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Drew Street	Austin Street to Hamilton Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Eagle Street	Main Street to Interstate 69	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Elgin Street	Bagby Street to Interstate 69	Primary	20 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	8 feet	As Established by the MTFP
Fannin Street	Interstate 45 to Interstate 69	Primary	20 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	8 feet	As Established by the MTFP
Francis Street	Smith Street to Austin Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
	LaBranch Street to Hamilton Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Garrott Street	Interstate 69 to Spur 527	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Gray Street	Bagby Street to Main Street	Primary	20 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	8 feet	As Established by the MTFP
	Main Street to Interstate 69	Primary	20 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	8 feet	60 feet
Hadley Street	Bagby Street to Hamilton Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Hamilton Street	Interstate 45 to Interstate 69	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Holman Court	Mosley Court to Termination	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Holman Street	Spur 527 to Interstate 69	Primary	20 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	8 feet	60 feet
Isabella Street	Travis Street to Fannin Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
	San Jacinto Street to Alameda Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Jackson Street	Interstate 45 to Anita Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet

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Jackson Street	Elgin Street to Termination	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
	Winbern Street to Alabama Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
LaBranch Street	Interstate 45 to Holman Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
	Winbern Street to Interstate 69	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Louisiana Street	Interstate 45 to Spur 527	Primary	20 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	8 feet	60 feet
Main Street	Interstate 45 to Interstate 69	Primary	20 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	8 feet	As Established by the MTFP
McGowen Street	Bagby Street to Interstate 69	Primary	20 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	8 feet	As Established by the MTFP
	Bagby Street to Brazos Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
McIlhenny Street	Smith Street to Louisiana Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
	Main Street to LaBranch Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
	Jackson Street to Hamilton Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Milam Street	Interstate 45 to Spur 527	Primary	20 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	8 feet	60 feet
Mosley Court	Holman Street to Holman Court	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Pierce Street	Bagby Street to Smith Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Richmond Avenue	Spur 527 to Main Street	Primary	20 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	8 feet	As Established by the MTFP
Rosalie Street	Bagby Street to Brazos Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet

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Rosalie Street	Smith Street to Crawford Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
	Chenevert Street to Hamilton Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Rosewood Street	Travis Street to Main Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Ruth Street	Travis Street to Main Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
San Jacinto Street	Interstate 45 to Interstate 69	Primary	20 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	8 feet	60 feet
Smith Street	Interstate 45 to Spur 527	Primary	20 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	8 feet	60 feet
	Spur 527 to Caroline Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Stuart Street	LaBranch Street to Hamilton Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Sul Ross Street	Milam Street to Travis Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
	Interstate 45 to Isabella Street	Primary	20 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	8 feet	60 feet
Travis Street	Wheeler Street to Ruth Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Truxillo Street	Travis Street to Interstate 69	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
	Bagby Street to Milam Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Tuam Street	Main Street to Interstate 69	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
Webster Street	Bagby Street to Interstate 69	Primary	20 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	8 feet	60 feet
Wheeler Street	Main Street to Interstate 69	Primary	20 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	8 feet	As Established by the MTPF

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Windbern Street	Milam Street to San Jacinto Street	Secondary	15 feet	Back-of-curb or edge of roadway	6 feet	60 feet
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