

CITY OF LEONARD, TEXAS

RESOLUTION NO. 260421-01

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO WORK WITH THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A PROPOSED DOWNTOWN HISTORICAL DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 211 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE

WHEREAS, the City of Leonard's downtown square and surrounding buildings reflect the City's historical development, architectural character, and community identity; and

WHEREAS, preservation of historically significant buildings and streetscapes contributes to community pride, economic vitality, and downtown revitalization; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 211 of the Texas Local Government Code authorizes municipalities to adopt zoning regulations to protect and preserve places and areas of historical, cultural, or architectural importance and significance; and

WHEREAS, Section 211.003(b) of the Texas Local Government Code authorizes municipalities, within designated historic areas, to regulate the construction, reconstruction, alteration, or razing of buildings and other structures; and

WHEREAS, Section 211.0165 of the Texas Local Government Code establishes procedures for the designation of historic landmarks and historic districts, including public hearings, property owner notification, and City Council consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Commission of the City of Leonard is authorized under state law and the City's zoning ordinance to advise the City Council on zoning districts, land use, and development regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to explore the establishment of a Downtown Historical District surrounding the downtown square in order to preserve the historical appearance and architectural character of buildings in that area, while ensuring compliance with all applicable state and local laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEONARD, TEXAS, THAT:

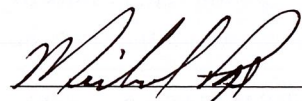
1. The City Administrator is hereby directed to work in coordination with the Planning & Zoning Commission, in accordance with Chapter 211 of the Texas Local Government Code, to develop a proposed Downtown Historical District encompassing the area surrounding the downtown square of the City of Leonard.

2. The purpose of the proposed Downtown Historical District is to preserve and protect the historical appearance, architectural character, and visual integrity of buildings within the district, particularly exterior features visible from public rights-of-way, while allowing for appropriate use and development.

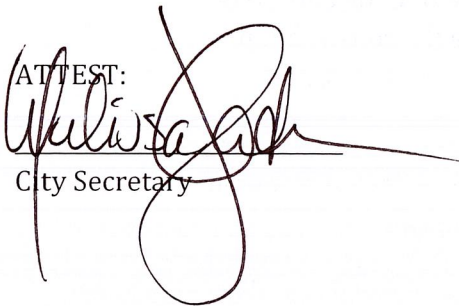
3. The City Administrator and Planning & Zoning Commission shall evaluate and develop recommendations regarding appropriate district boundaries, designation criteria, development standards, and review procedures, including consideration of an overlay zoning district or other zoning mechanisms authorized by state law, and shall submit such recommendations to the City Council for consideration.

4. This resolution expresses the intent and direction of the City Council only and does not, by itself, establish zoning regulations, impose development restrictions, or designate a historic district. Any such actions shall be considered by City Council through a separate ordinance or zoning amendment in accordance with applicable law, including the procedures set forth in Chapter 211 of the Texas Local Government Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Leonard, Texas, on this 21st day of April, 2026.



Mayor, City of Leonard

ATTEST:


City Secretary

