

RESOLUTION NO. 811

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, STATING ITS DESIRE TO RETAIN THE STATE OF MISSOURI HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT PROGRAM IN ITS CURRENT FORM AND DISCOURAGE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THIS PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the current initiative introduced to the Missouri State Senate as a substitute bill to Senate Bill 45 proposes to change the Historic Preservation Tax Credits Program by capping the program, providing for annual appropriations and eliminating the program by Sunset in 2011 as outlined in information received from the Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Excelsior Springs is a Missouri DREAM city and a Certified Local Government that has utilized Historic Preservation Tax Credits to effectively stimulate economic benefits available to promote and protect its historic resources; and,

WHEREAS, the city of Excelsior Springs has implemented a progressive and comprehensive historic preservation program that is successfully raising awareness to the benefits of historic preservation in general and the use of Historic Preservation Tax Credits; and,

WHEREAS, the goals of the current initiative to eliminate the Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program would seriously debase local efforts to encourage revitalization of the historic community of Excelsior Springs; and,

WHEREAS, the current initiative to cap, provide for annual allocation of funds and eliminate the Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program by Sunset would seriously impede the City's ability to share knowledge about our local, state and national past, strengthen regional identities and local pride through our historic environment; and,

WHEREAS, this current initiative would create irreparable financial hardship in local efforts to strengthen the economic vitality of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri, desires to protect and celebrate our heritage, use our historic assets for economic development and community revitalization, and encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs.

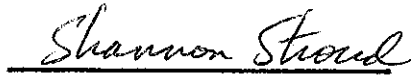
THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri, strongly opposes the current initiative to cap, provide annual allocation of funds, and eliminate the Missouri Historic Preservation Tax Credits Program by Sunset and that the Mayor of Excelsior Springs, Missouri, is hereby authorized to sign and submit this Resolution to all appropriate parties in an effort to prevent the proposed changes to the aforementioned Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program.

INTRODUCED IN WRITING, read by title, passed and approved this 20th day of March, 2009.

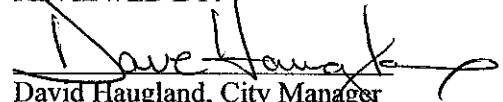

Carolyn Schutte, Mayor

ATTEST:

Frances Smith, City Clerk


Deputy City Clerk

REVIEWED BY:


David Haugland, City Manager