

ORDINANCE NO. 97-11-3

ENNIS HISTORIC RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A CERTAIN AREA AS THE ENNIS HISTORIC RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT #1 WITHIN THE CITY OF ENNIS, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF AND ALL OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO AS SET FORTH BY THE ENNIS HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, Section 211.001 et. sec. of the Texas Local Government Code authorizes the City Commission of the City of Ennis to:

Protect and preserve places and areas of historical and cultural importance and significance and to designate places and areas of historic and cultural importance.

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The City Commission of the City of Ennis does hereby declare that as a matter of public policy the protection, enhancement, and perpetuation of districts and landmarks of historical and cultural importance and significance is necessary to promote the economic, cultural, educational, and general welfare of the public. It is recognized that the historical resources of the City of Ennis represent the unique confluence of time and place that have shaped the identity of generations of citizens, collectively and individually and these resources constitute the heritage of the Citizens of Ennis. This act is intended to:

- (a) perpetuate, protect, enhance and preserve the historic districts and landmarks which represent distinctive elements of Ennis' historic, architectural, social, economic, ethnic and political heritage and to develop appropriate settings for such places;
- (b) to safeguard the City's historic and cultural heritage, as embodied and reflected in such historic districts, by application of appropriate procedures;
- (c) to stabilize property values in such locations;
- (d) to foster civic pride in the beauty and accomplishments of the past, and to promote the use of historic landmarks for the culture, prosperity, education and general welfare of the people of the City of Ennis;
- (e) to strengthen the economy of the City and to protect and enhance the City's attractions to tourists and visitors, as well as provide support and stimulus to business and industry.
- (f) to provide assistance to property owners and tenants as well as civic organizations, concerned with historical preservation.

SECTION 2. DESIGNATION OF LANDMARKS OR HISTORIC DISTRICTS

- (a) A historic landmark or district may be designated if it:
 - (1) possesses significance in history, architecture, archaeology, or culture of the city, state, or nation.
 - (2) is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of local, regional, state, or national history.
 - (3) is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

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- (4) embodies distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or ...ethod of construction.
 - (5) represents the work of a master designer, builder, or craftsman.
 - (6) represents an established and familiar visual feature of the City of Ennis
- (b) The Historic Landmark Commission may recommend a district to the City Commission to be designated if it:
- (1) contains properties which meet one or more of the criteria for designation of a landmark.
 - (2) constitutes a distinct section of the City of Ennis.

SECTION 3. ENNIS HISTORIC RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

The boundaries of the historic district designated henceforth shall be specified in detail and shall be filed, in writing, in the City Secretary's office for public inspection. A map of the district (EXHIBIT A) shall be attached to this document.

THE ENNIS HISTORIC RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT shall be outlined as follows:

Beginning at a north west district boundary of Gilmer Street and Clay Street;

Thence south on Clay Street taking in homes on both sides of Clay Street;

Thence west on Knox Street to Caesar Street taking in homes on both sides of Knox
(west boundaries of Knox being 808 on the north and 903 on the south);

Thence south on Clay Street to Ennis Avenue;

Thence east on Ennis Avenue to McKinney Street;

Thence north on McKinney Street to Belknap Street;

Thence east on Belknap to ^NWest Main Street;

Thence north on West Main Street to Gilmer Street;

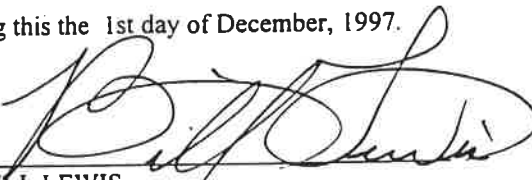
Thence west on Gilmer Street to Clay Street taking in homes on both sides of Gilmer Street.

Also included in the ENNIS HISTORIC RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT:

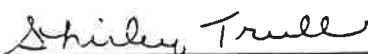
Brown Street from Clay Street to Sherman Street taking in both sides of Brown Street.

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading this the 17th day of November, 1997.

PASSED AND APPROVED on second reading this the 1st day of December, 1997.

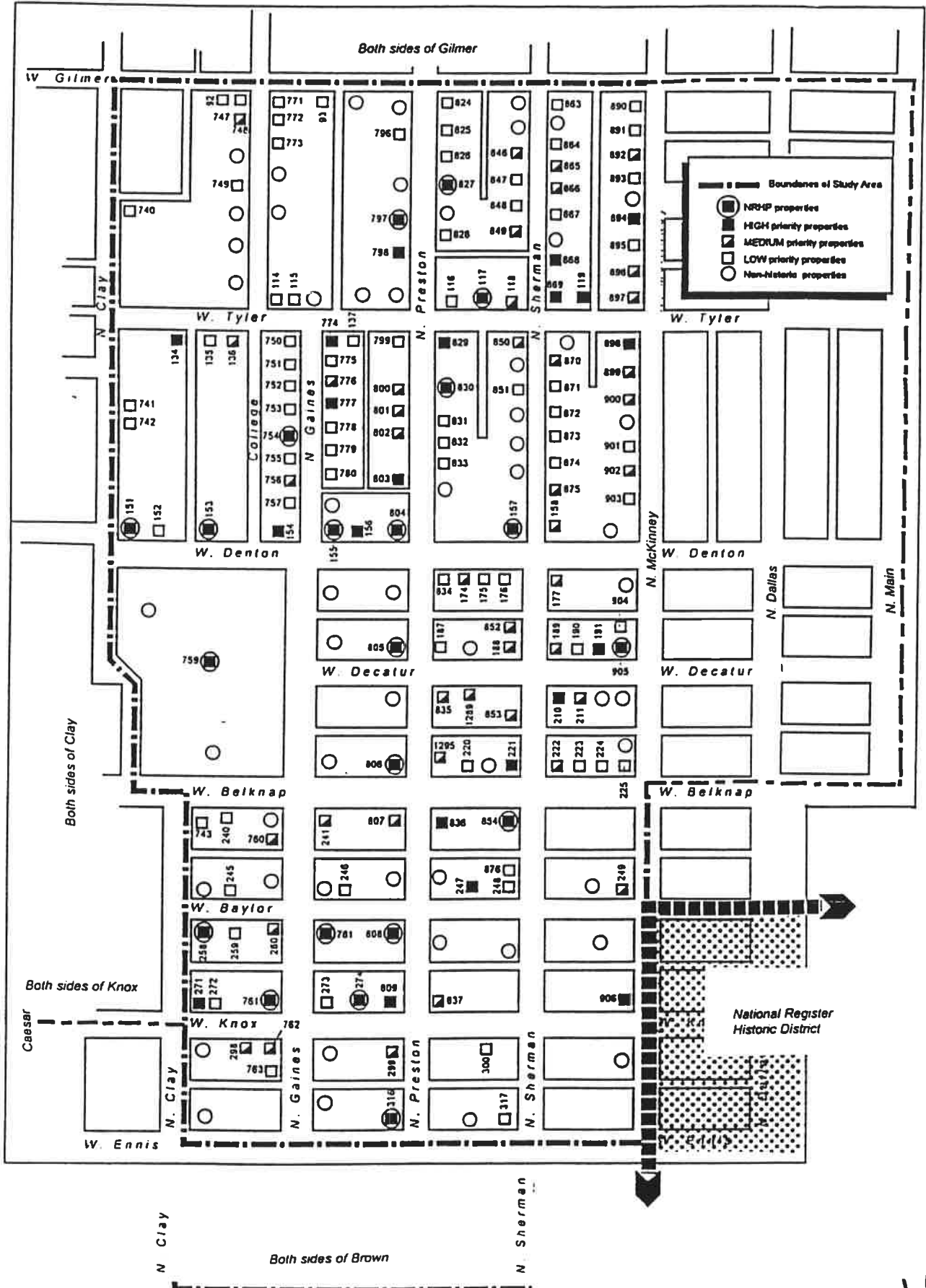

 BILL LEWIS
 Mayor

ATTEST:


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 City Secretary

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Figure 1. Proposed Local Historic District



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