

CITY OF BELVEDERE

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03

A REGULAR ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELVEDERE DELETING SECTION 21.20.120, TO DISCONTINUE THE CITY'S MILLS ACT PROGRAM

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Additions to text appear in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
Deletions to text appear in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELVEDERE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Findings. The City Council hereby finds:

1. On July 10, 2023, the City Council ("Council") received a report from staff about the City's Mills Act Program.
2. On March 11, 2024, the Council determined that due to staffing challenges, the City does not require active plans or proof of satisfactory work to qualify for Mills Act tax benefits, nor does it have an active inspection or monitoring program through the course of the agreement. This results in the City's potential loss of tax revenue without necessarily receiving the public benefit of rehabilitation and maintenance of historic structures.
3. Ending the City's Mills Act Program does not affect the City's historic preservation efforts, and the City encourages residents to continue to apply for historic designation under Chapter 21.20 of the Belvedere Municipal Code.
4. At the same March 11, 2024 meeting, the Council directed staff to prepare an ordinance that deletes Section 21.20.120, which authorizes the City to enter into Mills Act Agreements.

SECTION 2. Chapter 21.20 is hereby amended to delete Section 21.20.120 to read as follows:

~~*21.20.120 Historical Property Incentives.*~~

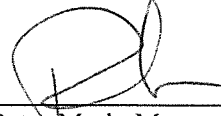
~~*The City may enter into an historical property contract as authorized by the Mills Act (Government Code 50281.1 et seq.) for tax relief for any property owner of a designated property/structure who requests the contract. Additional incentives may be adopted by the City Council as appropriate.*~~

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days after the date of its passage. Within fifteen (15) days following its passage, a summary of this Ordinance shall be published with the names of those City Council members voting for or against the Ordinance and the City Clerk shall post in the office of the City Clerk, a certified copy of the full text of the adopted Ordinance along with the names of the members voting or against the ordinance.

INTRODUCED AT A PUBLIC HEARING on April 08, 2024 and adopted at a regular meeting of the Belvedere City Council on May 13, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Cooper, Kemnitzer, Lynch, Wilkinson, Mayor Mark
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED:



Peter Mark, Mayor

ATTEST:



Beth Haener, City Clerk