

MOTION

NO. M-26-16

CITY HALL: January 8, 2026

BY: COUNCILMEMBER KING

SECONDED BY:

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2025, the Historic District Landmarks Commission (HDLC) heard the appeal of the Architectural Review Committee's (ARC) denial of proposed plans for the property located at 621 Elysian Fields (the "Subject Property") and voted to defer consideration of the matter back to the ARC; and

WHEREAS, representatives for the developer timely appealed this decision to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, on April 25th, 2017, the ARC unanimously approved the massing design of a new-construction 133-room 77,079-square-foot hotel at a height of 55 feet located at 501 Elysian Fields Avenue ("Comparable Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Comparable Property is located 300 feet away from the Subject Property, fronts the same street as the Subject Property, and is situated in the same Faubourg Marigny Historic District as the Subject Property; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the current massing design of the new-construction 128-room 82,767-square-foot hotel at a height of 50 feet proposed at the Subject Property conforms with the massing design approved at the Comparable Property; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That **ZACHARY SMITH's** appeal of the HDLC's deferral and remand to the ARC regarding the new construction of a hotel at 621 Elysian Fields Avenue is granted, and the decision of the HDLC is hereby reversed and modified such that the most recently submitted drawings labeled "Current Drawings - Post-ARC Submission by Applicant" as contained in the HDLC staff report are deemed approved.

BE IT FURTHER MOVED, That the Clerk of Council shall forward copies of this motion to all affected departments, including the HDLC and the Department of Safety and Permits.

THE FOREGOING MOTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF, AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RECUSED:

AND THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.