



# City of Denton

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## AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Development Services

**DCM:** Cassey Ogden

**DATE:** January 13, 2026

### **SUBJECT**

Consider approval of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas, supporting the listing of the Little Chapel in the Woods, located at 415 Chapel Drive in Denton, Texas, on the National Register of Historic Places; and providing an effective date. (ID 25-2309, Cameron Robertson)

### **BACKGROUND**

The Little Chapel in the Woods, located at 415 Chapel Drive, has been nominated for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The nomination will be forwarded to the State Board of Review for consideration at their next meeting, January 17, 2026, in Austin, Texas. As a participant in the Certified Local Government Program (CLG), the Historic Landmark Commission and the City Council are called upon to express an opinion regarding this nomination.

To nominate a property for the National Register, the owner's consent is required. The Little Chapel in the Woods is owned by the State of Texas and is located on the campus of the Texas Woman's University.

### **CONSIDERATIONS**

The Texas Historical Commission (THC), as the State's Historic Preservation Officer, and the Executive Director of THC, seek input on nominations for listings on the National Register of Historic Places. The Little Chapel in the Woods is one of several buildings designed by or associated with O'Neil Ford in the City of Denton, as detailed in Exhibit 4. The request from the THC is that the HLC and mayor express an opinion. Based on past practice related to the Fairhaven Retirement Home nomination in 2019, the mayor had asked for a resolution from City Council to be presented on the consent agenda following the HLC's consideration of the listing.

### **PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW**

Date	Council, Board, Commission	Request	Action
December 8, 2025	Historic Landmark Commission	Nation Register Nomination of the Little Chapel in the Woods	Recommended a Favorable Opinion of the Listing (5-0)

### **OPTIONS**

1. Approval
2. Deny
3. Postpone Item

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of a Resolution ratifying support for the nomination of the Little Chapel in the Woods, located at 415 Chapel Drive, for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

**EXHIBITS**

Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 - Site Location Map

Exhibit 3 - THC National Register of Historic Places Nomination Letter

Exhibit 4 - Little Chapel in the Woods State Board of Review NR Draft

Exhibit 5 - Draft Resolution

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