ORDINANCE NO. 4465-X

Ordinance – W.P.A. Douglas Airport Hangar

Ordinance designating as a Historic Landmark a property known as “W.P.A. Douglas Airport Hangar” (listed under Tax Parcel Number 11522102a and including the interior and the exterior of the 1937 hangar building listed under Tax Parcel Number 11522102a in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of May 1, 2010). The property is owned by the City of Charlotte, and is located at 4108 Minuteman Way, Charlotte, North Carolina.

WHEREAS, all of the prerequisites to the adoption of this ordinance prescribed in Chapter 160A, Article 19, as amended, of the General Statutes of North Carolina have been met; and

WHEREAS, the members of the City Council of Charlotte, North Carolina, have taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at a public hearing held on the 21st day of June, 2010, on the question of designating a property known as W.P.A. Douglas Airport Hangar as a historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission have taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at a public hearing held on the 14th day of June, 2010, on the question of designating a property known as W.P.A. Douglas Airport Hangar as a historic landmark; and
WHEREAS, the W.P.A. Douglas Airport Hangar was erected in 1936—1937 by the Works Progress Administration, a federal work program that preserved Charlotteans’ skills and self-respect during a period of massive unemployment; and

WHEREAS, the W.P.A. Douglas Airport Hangar was the W.P.A.’s largest project, in allotment of funds, at the time in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, of the original five structures built by the W.P.A. at the airport, only the hangar is extant; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the airport contributed greatly to physical and economic development of the City of Charlotte, ever expanding to supply comprehensive and convenient air transport to Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the property known as the W.P.A. Douglas Airport Hangar possesses special significance in terms of its history, and/or cultural importance; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the W.P.A. Douglas Airport Hangar is owned by the City of Charlotte.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the members of the City Council of Charlotte, North Carolina:

1. That the exterior of the property known as the “W.P.A. Douglas Airport Hangar” (listed under Tax Parcel Number 11522102a and including the interior and the exterior of the 1937 hangar building listed under Tax Parcel Number 11522102a in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of May 1, 2010) is hereby designated as a historic landmark pursuant to Chapter 160A, Article 19, as amended, of the General Statutes of North Carolina. The location of said landmark is noted as being situated at 4108 Minuteman Way in
the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Features of the property are more completely described in the “Survey and Research Report on W.P.A. Douglas Airport Hangar” (2002).

2. That said interior and exterior are more specifically defined as the historic and structural fabric, especially including all original architectural features.

3. That said designated historic landmark may be materially altered, restored, moved or demolished only following issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission. An application for a Certificate of Appropriateness authorizing the demolition of said landmark may not be denied, except if such landmark is judged to be of State-wide significance by duly authorized officials of the North Carolina Division of Archives and History. However, the effective date of such Certificate may be delayed in accordance with Chapter 160A, Article 19, and amendments thereto, and hereinafter adopted.

4. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prevent or delay ordinary maintenance or repair of any architectural feature in or on said landmark that does not involve a change in design, material or outer appearance thereof, nor to prevent or delay the construction, reconstruction, alteration, restoration, demolition or removal of any such feature when a building inspector or similar official certifies to the Commission that such action is required for the public safety because of an unsafe condition. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the owner of the historic landmark from making any use of the historic landmark not prohibited by other statutes, ordinances or regulations. Owners of locally designated historic landmarks are expected to be familiar with and to follow The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation and
Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings, the guidelines used by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission to evaluate proposed alterations or additions.

5. That a suitable sign may be posted indicating that said property has been designated as a historic landmark and containing any other appropriate information. If the owner consents, the sign may be placed on said historic landmark.

6. That the owners of the historic landmark known as “W.P.A. Douglas Airport Hangar” be given notice of this ordinance as required by applicable law and that copies of this ordinance be filed and indexed in the offices of the City Clerk, Building Standards Department, Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds, and the Tax Supervisor, as required by applicable law.

7. That which is designated as a historic landmark shall be subject to Chapter 160A, Article 19, of the General Statutes of North Carolina as amended, and any amendments to it and any amendments hereinafter adopted.

Approved as to form:

[Signature]

Senior Assistant City Attorney
July 19, 2010
Ordinance Book 56, Page 695

CERTIFICATION

I, Stephanie C. Kelly, City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the city of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened on the 19th day of July, 2010, the reference having been made in Minute Book 130, and recorded in full in Ordinance Book 56, Pages (691-695).

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 21st day of July, 2010.

[Signature]

Stephanie C. Kelly, CMC, City Clerk
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