An Ordinance designating as Historic Landmark a property known as the "Wilson House and Farm" (listed as a portion of Tax Parcel Number 019-131-02 and consisting of approximately 9.54 acres of land enclosed by the westerly boundary of said tax parcel, extending 500 feet eastward on the northern and southern boundaries of said tax parcel, and bounded on the east by a straight line between the above terminating points on the northern and southern boundaries of said tax parcel and including the entire exterior and the entire interior of the Wilson House located within the boundaries of said tax parcel). The parcel of land to be designated is listed as a portion of Tax Parcel Number 019-131-02 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina. The property, owned by Thomas A. Davis and Charlotte B. Davis, is located at 11400 Old Statesville Road, Huntersville, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

WHEREAS, all of the prerequisites to 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 Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, has taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at a joint public hearing held with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission on the 9th day of August, 1993, on the question of designating a property known as the Wilson House and Farm (listed as a portion of tax parcel number 019-131-02) as historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Wilson House and Farm, once a part of a much larger tract of land, is a good example of the agricultural environment that was predominant on Mecklenburg County and North Carolina, and

WHEREAS, local tradition holds that the Wilson House is believed to have been constructed in the 1840's; and

WHEREAS, as the only surviving early house on the agricultural tract, the Wilson House is a good example of a mid-19th century vernacular farmhouse with some Adam details; and
WHEREAS, the Wilson House is architecturally significant for the many exterior features and appointments, such as the one-story shed-roofed porch and the front door surround, intact and in very good condition; and

WHEREAS, the Wilson House is architecturally significant for the many interior features and appointments, such as the fireplace surrounds and the curved balustrade, intact and in very good condition; and,

WHEREAS, the original historic fabric of both the interior and the exterior of the Wilson House and Farm is largely intact and visible; and

WHEREAS, the Wilson House and Farm can provide valuable insight into the life of Mecklenburg County's early yeoman farmers; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has jurisdiction over the interior of the Wilson House and Farm because consent for interior design review has been given by the owners; and

WHEREAS, the current owners, Thomas A. Davis and Charlotte B. Davis have faithfully maintained the Wilson House and Farm and have thereby made a substantial contribution to the cultural richness of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the property known as the Wilson House and Farm (listed as a portion of Tax Parcel Number 019-131-02), possesses a structure having integrity of design, setting, workmanship, materials, and/or association; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the property known as the Wilson House and Farm, possesses special significance in terms of its history, architecture, and/or cultural importance; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the Wilson House and Farm is owned by
Thomas A. Davis and Charlotte B. Davis,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina:

1. That the property known as the Wilson House and Farm (listed as a portion of tax parcel number 019-131-02 and consisting of approximately 9.54 acres of land enclosed by the westerly boundary of said tax parcel, extending 500 feet eastward on the northern and southern boundaries of said tax parcel, and bounded on the east by a straight line between the above terminating points on the northern and southern boundaries of said tax parcel and including the entire exterior and the entire interior of the Wilson House) is hereby designated as an historic landmark pursuant to Chapter 160A, Article 19, as amended, of the General Statutes of North Carolina. For purposes of description only, the location of said property is noted as being situated at 11400 Old Statesville Road, in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Interior and exterior features are more completely described in the Survey and Research Report on the Wilson House and Farm (30 September 1992).

2. That said interior is more specifically defined as the historic and structural fabric of the foyer, halls, stairway, attic and rooms of the Wilson House and Farm to include the floors, the original windows, the original board ceilings, the original board walls, the woodwork and moldings, the balustrades and newels of both levels, the wood paneled doors, the antique brick, the fire surrounds, the volume and shape of the interior spaces provided by the vernacular I-house, Tidewater South Folk House plan, and other interior features that are part of the original historic fabric of the building.

3. That said designated property may be materially altered, restored,
moved or demolished only following the 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. However, the effective date of such a Certificate may be delayed in accordance with Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 3C, and amendments thereto.

4. That nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prevent or delay the ordinary maintenance or repair of any architectural feature in or on said landmark that does not involve a change of 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 landmark owner from making any use of this 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 historic landmark and containing any other appropriate information. If the owner consents, the sign may be placed on said landmark.

6. That the owners and occupants of the landmark known as the Wilson House and Farm 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 County Clerk, Building Standards Department, Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds, and the Tax Supervisor, as required by applicable law.

7. That which is designated as historic landmark shall be subject to Chapter 160A, Article 19, and any amendments to it and any amendments hereinafter adopted.

Adopted the ___th day of August 1993 by the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County.

Clerk to the Board

Approved as to form:

[Signature]
County Attorney
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission

PERMISSION OF OWNER
FOR
INTERIOR DESIGN REVIEW

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 160A-400.9(b) on historic landmarks, I, Thomas & Charlotte Davis, owner of record, do hereby request designation of interior spaces as such spaces have been deemed to have architectural, artistic, cultural, or historical significance. I understand that changes to designated portions of the property are subject to design review for compliance with The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings. I give permission to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission to exercise jurisdiction for design review over all interior designated portions of the following building or buildings known as:

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Wilson House and Farm

located at 11400 Old Statesville Road  Huntersville, NC

Signature: Thomas &  Charlotte Davis
(Owner)

Name (Print): Thomas & Charlotte Davis

Date: 8-30-93