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ORDINANCE NO. 500-X

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AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A BUILDING KNOWN AS "HEZEKIAH ALEXANDER HOUSE" LOCATED AT 3500 SHAMROCK DRIVE IN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AS HISTORIC PROPERTY.

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RECORDS & CLERK
MECKLENBURG CO. N.C.

WHEREAS, all of the prerequisites to the adoption of this ordinance prescribed in Part 3B, Part 19, Chapter 160A of the General Statutes of North Carolina have been met; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at the joint public hearing held with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission on the 13th day of January, 1974, on the question of designating a structure known as The Hezekiah Alexander House, otherwise known as the Old Rock House, as historic property; and

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WHEREAS, the structure was built by Hezekiah Alexander in 1774 who was very active in the public affairs of the turbulent era in which he lived, serving as a member of the Mecklenburg County Committee of Safety and the Salisbury District Committee of Safety. In 1776, he and other State delegates gathered at Halifax to form the Fifth Provincial Congress which was charged with the task of drafting the first Constitution for North Carolina. Architecturally, the structure reflects the influence of German immigrants, many of whom settled in and near Mecklenburg and constructed houses of native stone. The Hezekiah Alexander House is one of the few surviving examples of this architectural type in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the structure, the Methodist Home for the Aged, Inc., has leased the structure on a long-term basis to the Hezekiah Alexander Foundation, Inc., an organization which has consistently and repeatedly demonstrated the dedication and administrative and financial responsibility necessary

to preserve and maintain the Hezekiah Alexander House in its most authentic form.

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

1. That the structure known as the Hezekiah Alexander House, otherwise known as the Old Rock House, located at 3500 Shamrock Drive within the City of Charlotte is hereby designated as historic property pursuant to Part 3B, Article 19 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes of North Carolina. For purposes of description only, the location of said structure is noted as being situated on a tract of property more specifically described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron located in a direction of N. 87-48 W., 130.60 feet from the northwesterly corner of the Old Rock House known as the Hezekiah Alexander House, situated on the premises of the Methodist Home for the Aged, Inc., and runs thence N. 9-54 W., 598.62 feet to an iron; thence N. 79-32 E., 127.87 feet to an iron; thence N. 9-23 W., 150 feet to an iron in the southerly margin of Shamrock Drive; thence N. 79-32 E., 60 feet with said margin to an iron; thence S. 9-23 E., 150 feet to an iron; thence N. 79-32 E., 170 feet to an iron; thence S. 10-25 E., 511.36 feet to an old iron; thence S. 32-53 E., 121.10 feet to an iron; thence S. 3-43 E., 204.80 feet to an iron; thence due west 405.5 feet to an iron; thence in a straight line in a northerly direction to the point of BEGINNING, a distance of approximately 150 feet.

2. That said structure may not be demolished, materially altered, remodeled or removed until ninety (90) days' written notice of the owner's proposed action has been given to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission.

3. That nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prevent the ordinary

maintenance or repair of any exterior architectural feature in or on the Hezekiah Alexander House that does not involve a change in design, material, or outer appearance thereof, nor to prevent 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 or dangerous condition. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the property owners from making any use of this property not prohibited by other statutes, ordinances, or regulations.

4. That a suitable sign shall be posted indicating the structure's designation as historic property and containing any other appropriate information. If the owner consents, said sign shall be placed upon the Hezekiah Alexander House. If the owner objects, the sign shall be placed on a nearby public right of way.

5. That all owners and occupants of the Hezekiah Alexander House 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, the Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds, Building Inspection Department and Tax Supervisor as required by applicable law.

Approved as to form:


City Attorney

Read, approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened on the 13th day of January, 1975, the reference having been made in Minute Book 61, and recorded in full in Ordinance Book 21, beginning on Page 390.

Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk