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ORDINANCE NO. 3583-X

Ordinance - N. S. Alexander House and Land

Ordinance designating as a Historic Landmark a property known as the "N. S. Alexander House and Land" (listed under Tax Parcel Number 09926107 as of March 1, 2007, and including the interior and exterior of the house, all outbuildings, and the parcel of land listed under Tax Parcel Number 09926107 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of March 1, 2007). The property is owned by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission and is located at 5014 North Sharon Amity Road, 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 joint public hearing held with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission on the 21 day of MAY, 2007, on the question of designating a property known as the N. S. Alexander House and Land as a historic landmark; and

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WHEREAS, the N. S. Alexander was the great grandson of Hezekiah Alexander and a member of one of the oldest and most prestigious families in Mecklenburg County in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries; and

WHEREAS, the N. S. Alexander House was the centerpiece of one of the largest farms in Mecklenburg County in the late nineteenth century and early twentieth centuries; and

WHEREAS, the N. S. Alexander House is one of the finer local examples of an imposing turn of the century farmhouse which embodies elements of the Queen Anne and Colonial Revival Styles and which has experienced minimal alterations; and

WHEREAS, the N. S. Alexander House was designated as a historic landmark on January 7, 1980; and

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

WHEREAS, the property known as the N. S. Alexander House and Land is owned by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission,

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

1. That the property known as the "N. S. Alexander House and Land" (listed under Tax Parcel Number 09926107 as of March 1, 2007, and including the interior and exterior of the house, all outbuildings, and the parcel of land listed under Tax Parcel Number 09926107 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina, as

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of March 1, 2007) 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 4601 Shamrock Road, Charlotte, North Carolina. Features of the property are more completely described in the *Survey and Research Report on the N. S. Alexander House (1979)*.

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

3. That said designated historic landmark may be materially altered or restored 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

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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 the N. S. Alexander House and Land 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.

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Adopted the 21 day of MAY, 2007, by the members of

the City Council of the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

Brenda R. Freeze
Clerk to City Council

Approved as to form:

[Signature]
Assistant City Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I, Brenda R. Freeze, 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 21st day of May, 2007, the reference having been made in Minute Book 125, and recorded in full in Ordinance Book 54, Pages (905-909).

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 31st day of May, 2007.

Brenda R. Freeze
Brenda R. Freeze, CMC, City Clerk



Mailed to: Historic Landmarks
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Charlotte, NC 28202



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5101 Hickory Grove Road
Charlotte, NC 28215

May 10, 2007

Hon. Jennifer Roberts, Chair
Mecklenburg County Commission
600 E. Fourth Street
P.O. Box 31787
Charlotte, NC 28231

Dear Ms. Roberts:

The Alexander family would like to express our appreciation to the members of the Mecklenburg County Commission for your support of the efforts of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission and, specifically, for approving their purchase of the N. S. Alexander house at Shamrock Drive and North Sharon Amity Road.

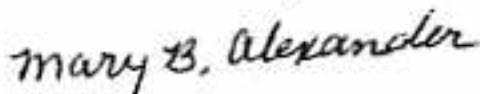
This house had been in our family since it was built in 1903. We very much wanted to see it preserved, but lacked the knowledge, experience and resources to insure its preservation on our own. Fortunately the Historic Landmarks Commission was able to come to our rescue. Dr. Dan Morrill, Mr. Stewart Gray and other members of their team were both professional and patient as we worked through logistics and details of the transaction.

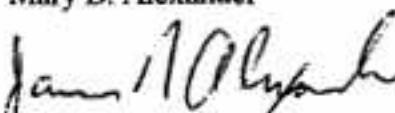
The Landmarks Commission has now sold the house to new owners who are actively planning a complete restoration, subject to the appropriate guidelines. This project has certainly been a success for us in that it has accomplished the preservation we desired. It has been a success for the Landmarks Commission since they were able to find an appropriate buyer and finish the project "in the black." And most of all, we hope it will be a success for the community by providing a focal point in an area near Eastland Mall that has not seen many successes in recent years.

Thank you again for your support of this important work.

Sincerely,

The Alexander Family


Mary B. Alexander


James N. Alexander


Alice A. Skinner


Kathy W. Alexander

cc: Mr. Len Norman
✓ Dr. Dan Morrill