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

WHEREAS, the City Council of Charlotte, North Carolina, has taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at a joint public hearing held with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission on the _______ day of ______, ______, on the question of designating a property known as the "Old Alpha Cotton Mill" historic property; and

WHEREAS, the "Old Alpha Cotton Mill," erected in 1888-89, was one of the first cotton mills in Charlotte and assisted in creating the momentum which transformed Charlotte into one of the leading textile manufacturing centers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the "Old Alpha Cotton Mill" is the earliest extant mill complex in Charlotte which was constructed by the D. A. Tompkins Company and which introduced installment plan capital creation in the textile industry of Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission has demonstrated that the property known as the "Old Alpha Cotton Mill" possesses special significance in terms of its history, architecture, and/or cultural importance; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the "Old Alpha Cotton Mill" possesses integrity of design, setting, workmanship, materials, and/or association; and
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WHEREAS, the property known as the "Old Alpha Cotton Mill" is vested in fee simple to Consolidated Engravers Corporation.

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

1. That the property known as the "Old Alpha Cotton Mill" (the exterior of the 1888-89 Mill Building, of the 1901 Mill Building, and of the Cotton Warehouse Building, and the original or early elements of the interior of the 1888-89 Mill Building, of the 1901 Mill Building, and of the Cotton Warehouse Building, e.g., early weight-bearing walls, floors, roofing system, the aforesaid property being more specifically depicted within the jagged inked lines on the attached map, and the actual ground upon which the buildings sit) is hereby designated as historic property pursuant to Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 3B, 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 311 East Twelfth Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, and recorded on Tax Parcel Number 081-033-08 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office.

2. 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 Properties Commission. An application for a Certificate of Appropriateness authorizing the demolition of said property may not be denied. However, the effective date of such a Certificate may be delayed in accordance with Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 3B, and amendments thereto, and hereinafter adopted.

3. 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 property that does not involve a change of design, material, or outer appearance thereof, nor to prevent or delay the making of emergency repairs, nor to prevent or delay the construction, reconstruction, alteration, restoration, demolition
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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 property owner from making any use of this property not prohibited by other statutes, ordinances, or regulations.

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

5. That the owners and occupants of the property known as the "Old Alpha Cotton Mill" 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 Inspection Department, Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds, and the Tax Supervisor, as required by applicable law.

6. That which is designated as historic property shall be subject to Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 3B, and any amendments to it and any amendments hereinafter adopted.

Approved as to form:

Henry W. Alexander Jr.
City Attorney
CERTIFICATION

I, MENTA C. DETWILER, Deputy 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 August, 1985, the reference having been made in Minute Book 84, and recorded in full in Ordinance Book 34, at Page(s) 68-70.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 21st day of August, 1985.

MENTA C. DETWILER
Deputy City Clerk