Ordinance – Armour-Adams House

Ordinance designating as a Historic Landmark a property known as the “Armour-Adams House” (listed under Tax Parcel Number 00316104 including the exterior of the house, the garage, and the parcel of land listed under Tax Parcel Number 00316104 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of October 1, 2006). The property is owned by David Sitton and Camilia Meador and is located at 626 North Main in Davidson, 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 Town Board of Davidson, 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 14th day of November, 2006, on the question of designating a property known as the Armour-Adams House as a historic landmark; and

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WHEREAS, the Armour-Adams House is a well preserved and intact example of late Queen Anne Style architecture; and

WHEREAS, the Armour-Adams House is representative of the evolution of the built environment of Davidson in terms of the emergence of the town’s merchant class; and

WHEREAS, the Armour-Adams House was the long-time home of Margaret H. Adams, a beloved first grade teacher for decades at the Davidson Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, unaltered examples of modest sized late 19th century and early 20th century homes like the Armour-Adams House in Davidson are becoming increasingly rare due to insensitive alterations and additions; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the Armour-Adams House is owned by David Sitton and Camilia Meador.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the members of the Town Board of Davidson, North Carolina:

1. That the property known as the “Armour-Adams House” (listed under Tax Parcel Number 00316104 including the exterior of the house, the garage, and the parcel of land listed under Tax Parcel Number 00316104 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of October 1, 2006) 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 626 North Main Street, Davidson, North Carolina. Exterior features are more completely described in the Survey and Research Report on the Armour-Adams House (2005).

2. That said exterior is more specifically defined as the historic and structural fabric, especially including all original exterior architectural features and the contours of landscaping.
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 the Armour-Adams 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 Town Clerk, Building Standards Department, Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds, and the Tax Supervisor, as required by applicable law.

7. That the property 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.

Adopted the 13th day of FEBRUARY, 2007, by the members of the Town Board of Davidson, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

Clerk to Town Board

Approved as to form:

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