ORDINANCE - Bank of Huntersville (Former)

WHEREAS, the building known as “Bank of Huntersville (Former)” has been adapted for reuse as a photography studio known as Photography Unlimited; and

WHEREAS, the building known as “Bank of Huntersville (Former)” is architecturally significant as a classical style which began to be used at the turn of the century for banks all over North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the building known as “Bank of Huntersville (Former)” was planned to take good advantage of its site with architectural emphasis on the side as well as the front elevation; and

WHEREAS, the original historic fabric of both the interior and the exterior of the “Bank of Huntersville (Former)” is largely intact and visible; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has jurisdiction over the interior of the “Bank of Huntersville (Former)” because consent for interior design review has been given by the Owner; and

WHEREAS, the current Owner, Ms. Sara Marlene McCraw, has faithfully maintained the “Bank of Huntersville (Former)” and has thereby made a substantial contribution to the cultural richness of Huntersville and Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the property, known as the “Bank of Huntersville (Former)” (listed under tax parcel number 019-041-11), 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 “Bank of Huntersville (Former)” possesses special significance in terms of its history, architecture, and/or cultural importance; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the “Bank of Huntersville (Former)” is owned by Ms. Sara Marlene McCraw,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Huntersville, North Carolina:

1. That the property known as the “Bank of Huntersville (Former)” (listed under tax parcel number 019-041-11 and including the exterior and the interior of the building, and all appurtenances and man-made structures and/or features on the property) be declared a historic landmark on the Town’s historic landmark register, and that all changes to the building and any or all appurtenances or man-made structures and/or features on the property shall be subject to the approval of the Historic Landmarks Commission, in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160A-442, and as otherwise provided by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission.
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the Bank of Huntersville (Former)) 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 100 Main Street, Huntersville, in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Interior and exterior features are more completely described in the Survey and Research Report of Commercial Row of Four Buildings at 100, 102, 104 and 106 Main Street, Huntersville, North Carolina (25 February 1992).

2. That said interior is more specifically defined as the historic and structural fabric of the Bank of Huntersville (Former) to include the mosaic tile, floors, the wood floors, the original windows, the woodwork and moldings of both floors, the original front door, the wood panel doors, the granite threshold, the plaster walls, the remaining pressed tin ceiling panels, the early gas furnace, the vault with its original door and hardware, the vault shelves built of tongue and groove flooring, the hardware and the fixtures, the volume and shapes of the interior spaces provided by the vernacular 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. Owner 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
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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 Owner and occupants of the landmark known as the “Bank of Huntersville (Former)” 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 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 17th day of November 1992 by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Huntersville, North Carolina.

Clerk to the Board

Approved as to form:

Town Attorney