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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Davidson, North Carolina, has taken into full consideration of all statements and information presented at the joint public hearing held with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission on the 19th day of May, 1980, on the question of designating the property known as the "Chairman Blake House and Site" as historic property; and

WHEREAS, the building known as the "Chairman Blake House" was erected c. 1861 for John Rennie Blake, an individual of great importance in the early development of Davidson College; and

WHEREAS, the building known as the "Chairman Blake House" is one of the older houses which has had a continuous association with Davidson College and the town of Davidson; and

WHEREAS, the building known as the "Chairman Blake House" is situated on its original site; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the "Chairman Blake House and Site" retains its essential integrity; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission has demonstrated the historic significance of the property known as the "Chairman Blake House and Site;" and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Division of Archives and History has endorsed the findings of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission; and
WHEREAS, the property known as the "Chairman Blake House and Site" is owned in fee simple by Davidson College.

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

1. That the property known as the "Chairman Blake House and Site," including both the interior and the exterior of the building known as the "Chairman Blake House" and the 0.576 acres associated therewith, located at 127 S. Main Street within the town limits of Davidson, North Carolina, is hereby designated as historic property pursuant to Part 3B, Article 19, Chapter 160A of the General Statutes of North Carolina. For purposes of description only, the location of said property is noted as being situated on a tract of land more specifically described as follows:

   Beginning at a spike within the easterly margin of S. Main Street, said point being 100.0 feet North of the East margin of South Street, said beginning point also being the most northerly corner of the R. S. Cashion Property as recorded in deed book 4063, page 848 Register of Deeds Mecklenburg County, NC, thence N. 18°24'-50" E., 95.0 feet to a nail, thence S. 65°06'-45" E., 247.53 feet to a N.I.P., thence S. 29°27'-00" W., 117.34 feet to a N.I.P., thence N. 59°26'-10" W., 228.07 feet to the point and place of beginning. Containing 25,088 Square feet or 0.576 acres, as shown on a map by R. B. Pharr & Associates dated November 30, 1979.

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 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 be posted indicating that said property has been designated as historic property and containing any other appropriate information. If the owner objects, the sign shall be placed on a nearby public right-of-way.

5. That the owners and occupants of the property known as the "Chairman Blake House and Site" be given the notice of this ordinance as required by applicable law and that copies of this ordinance be filed and indexed in the offices of Davidson Town Clerk, Davidson Building Inspection Department, Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds and the Tax Supervisor of Mecklenburg County 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.

This is to certify that this Ordinance was adopted on May 19, 1980 and is recorded in Minute Book #15, Page 338.

Approved as to form:

County Attorney