ORDINANCE NO. 3420

Ordinance – City House

Ordinance designating as a Historic Landmark a property known as the “City House” (listed under Tax Parcel Number 12308401 and including the interior and the exterior of the house, and the parcel of land listed under Tax Parcel Number 12308401 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of August 1, 2006). The property is owned by Ivan T. Beach and Cherie Beach and is located at 500 East Kingston Avenue in the City of 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 20th day of November, 2006, on the question of designating a property known as the City House as a historic landmark; and

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2100 Randolph Road
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WHEREAS, the City House was constructed in 1909, and is one of the oldest suburban residence in Charlotte which was initially designed as a duplex and is the oldest recognizable suburban example of this architectural form; and

WHEREAS, the City House represents a new building type that was associated in the early twentieth century with the growing urban character of the city; and

WHEREAS, the City House occupies a prominent position in the landscape of Dilworth, Charlotte's first streetcar suburb; and

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

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has jurisdiction over portions of the property known as the City House, because consent for interior design review has been given by the Owner; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the City House is owned by Ivan T. Beach and Cherie Beach.

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

1. That the property known as the “City House” (listed under Tax Parcel Number 12308401 and including the interior and the exterior of the house, and the parcel of land...
listed under Tax Parcel Number 12308401 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of August 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 500 East Kingston Avenue in the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Features of the property are more completely described in the “Survey and Research Report on the City House” (2005).

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, 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
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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 "City 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 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.

Approved as to form:

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 20th day of November, 2006, the reference having been made in Minute Book 124, and recorded in full in Ordinance Book 54, Page(s) 544-548.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 27th day of November, 2006.

Brenda R. Freeze, CMC, City Clerk
JUDITH A. GIBSON
REGISTER OF DEEDS, MECKLENBURG
COUNTY & COURTS OFFICE BUILDING
720 EAST FOURTH STREET
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