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Ordinance - Davidson Colored School/Ada Jenkins School

Ordinance designating as a Historic Landmark a property known as the “Davidson Colored School/Ada Jenkins School” (listed under Tax Parcel Number 00323325 and including the interior and exterior of the 1937 school building and .5 acres of land around the building as shown on the attached exhibit “A” listed under Tax Parcel Number 00323325 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of October 1, 2007) The property is owned by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education and is located at 212 Gamble Street 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 public hearing held on the 13th day of November, 2007, on the question of designating a property known as the Davidson Colored School/Ada Jenkins School as a historic landmark; and

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Charlotte Mecklenburg
Historic Landmarks Com.
2100 Randolph Road
Charlotte, NC 28207

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WHEREAS, the members of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission have taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at a public hearing held on the 12th day of November, 2007, on the question of designating a property known as the Davidson Colored School/Ada Jenkins School as a historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Davidson Colored School/Ada Jenkins School is an important landmark in Davidson, representing the strength and resourcefulness of the town's African American community during the era of racial segregation; and

WHEREAS, the Davidson Colored School/Ada Jenkins School is a rare and well preserved example of a substantial African-American school building that dates from the era of Jim Crow in Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, in terms of Mecklenburg County, the Davidson Colored School/Ada Jenkins School is a rare early-20th-century school building which is in good condition, and has retained a high degree of integrity; and

WHEREAS, the Davidson Colored School/Ada Jenkins School is the oldest public school classroom-building in Davidson; and

WHEREAS, built during the Great Depression, the Davidson Colored School is an important artifact representing the work of the Public Works Administration in Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the property known as Davidson Colored School/Ada Jenkins School

possesses special significance in terms of its history, architecture, and/or cultural importance; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the Davidson Colored School/Ada Jenkins School is owned by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education.

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

1. That the property known as the “Davidson Colored School/Ada Jenkins School” (listed under Tax Parcel Number 00323325 and including the interior and exterior of the 1937 school building and .5 acres of land around the building as shown on the attached exhibit “A” listed under Tax Parcel Number 00323325 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of October 1, 2007) 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 212 Gamble Street in Davidson, North Carolina. Exterior and interior features are more completely described in the *Survey and Research Report on the Davidson Colored School/Ada Jenkins School and Store (2006)*.

2. That said interior and exterior are more specifically defined as the historic and structural fabric, especially including all original interior and exterior architectural features and the contours of landscaping.

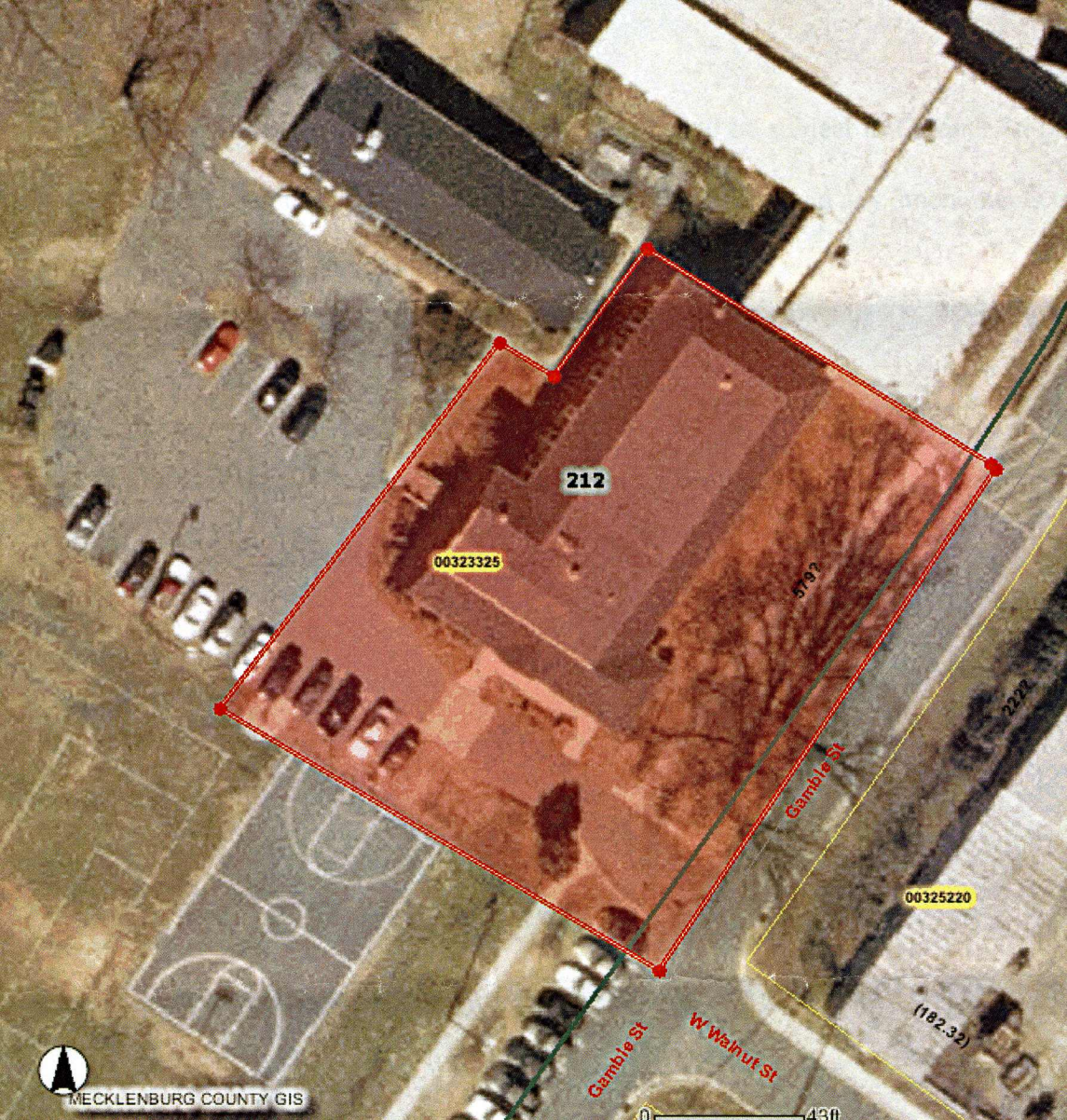
3. That said designated historic landmark may be materially altered, restored, moved or demolished only following issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission. An application for a

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 Davidson Colored School/Ada Jenkins School be given notice of this ordinance as required by applicable



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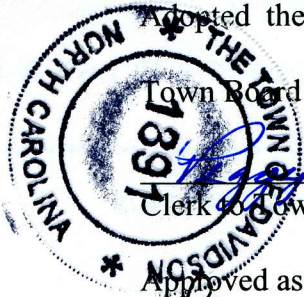


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law and that copies of this ordinance be filed and indexed in the offices of the Town Clerk, Building Standards Department, Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds, and the Tax Supervisor, as required by applicable law.

7. That which is designated as 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 13 day of November, 2007, by the members of the
Town Board of Davidson, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.



[Signature]
Clerk of Town Board

Approved as to form:

[Signature]

Town Attorney



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