Ordinance designating as a Historic Landmark a property known as the
"Davidson Cotton Mill" (listed under Tax Parcel Number 00326108 as of September
1, 2004, and including the exterior of the building and the parcel of land listed
under Tax Parcel Number 00326108 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office,
Charlotte, North Carolina as of September 1, 2004). The property is owned by
Davidson Cotton Mill LLC and is located at 209 Delburg 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 joint public
hearing held with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission on the
9th day of November, 2004, on the question of designating a
property known as the Davidson Cotton Mill as a historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Davidson Cotton Mill is among the best preserved cotton mill
building in Mecklenburg County, and is significant as a well-preserved example of the
mill buildings associated with the small towns in Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the Davidson Cotton Mill represented a new era of industrial
development in Davidson that occurred concurrently with similar development within
Mecklenburg County as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Davidson Cotton Mill, like other industrial and manufacturing
endeavors in Mecklenburg County, encouraged rural to urban migration, increasing the
town's population and offered an alternative to farming in the area; and
WHEREAS, the Davidson Cotton Mill demonstrates the innovations that evolved in cotton mill design in first half of the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the Davidson Cotton Mill is owned by Davidson Cotton Mill LLC.

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

1. That the property known as the “Davidson Cotton Mill” (listed under Tax Parcel Number 00326108 as of September 1, 2004, and including the exterior of the building and the parcel of land listed under Tax Parcel Number 00326108 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of September 1, 2004) 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 209 Delburg Street, Davidson, North Carolina. Exterior features are more completely described in the Survey and Research Report on the Davidson Cotton Mill (2004).

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 Davidson Cotton Mill 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 9th day of November, 2004, by the members of the Town Board of Davidson, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

[Signature]
Clerk to Town Board

Approved as to form:

[Signature]
Town Attorney
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 9th day of November, 2004, by the members of the Town Board of Davidson, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

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