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Ordinance- Davidson School

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TOWN OF DAVIDSON
DESIGNATING "DAVIDSON SCHOOL" AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK
ORDINANCE

Ordinance designating as an Historic Landmark a property known as the "Davidson School" (listed under Tax Parcel Number 00701319 and including the interior and exterior of the school building and the interior and exterior of the gymnasium, and the land listed under Tax Parcel Number 00701319 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of February 1, 2012) The property is owned by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education and is located at 251 South 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 14th day of February, 2012, on the question of designating a property known as the Davidson School as an historic landmark; and

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 13th day of February, 2012, on the question of designating a property known as the Davidson School as an historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Davidson School has been associated with public education for over one hundred years; and

WHEREAS, the 1937 Davidson School Gymnasium is a fine example of the later New Deal public works projects that were accomplished in Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the 1948 Davidson School was designed by local architect Louis Asbury, and is an important example of early post-war Modernist architecture; and

WHEREAS, the Davidson School has an exceptional degree of integrity in terms of historic school buildings in Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the Davidson School is a significant artifact, useful in understanding the history of the Town of Davidson; and

WHEREAS, the Davidson School was central to the education of many of the town's residents; and

WHEREAS, the 1948 Davidson School building and the 1937 Davidson School Gymnasium are among the best preserved historic public buildings in the town; and

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

WHEREAS, the property known as the Davidson 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 School" (listed under Tax Parcel Number 00701319 and including the interior and exterior of the school building and the interior and exterior of the gymnasium, and the land listed under Tax Parcel Number 00701319 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of February 1, 2012) 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 251 South Street in Davidson, North Carolina. Exterior and interior features are more completely described in the *Survey and Research Report on the Davidson School (2008)*.

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 School 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 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 13th day of March, 2012, by the members of the Town Board of Davidson, Mecklenburg County,
North Carolina.

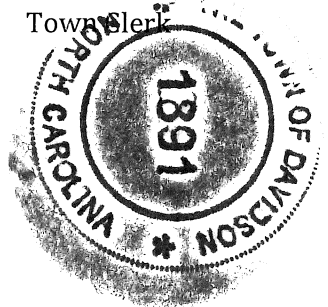


John Woods,
Mayor

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