

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE "JOHN DOUGLAS HOUSE AND SITE," INCLUDING THE EXTERIOR AND THE INTERIOR OF THE JOHN DOUGLAS HOUSE, AS HISTORIC PROPERTY, LOCATED ON CHRISTIE LANE IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, AND RECORDED ON PARCEL NUMBER 14114219 IN THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY TAX OFFICE.

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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 Board of County Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, has taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at the joint public hearing held with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission on the 8th day of April, 1980, on the question of designating the property known as the "John Douglas House and Site" as historic property; and

WHEREAS, the building known as the "John Douglas House" was erected c. 1867 by John Douglas, minister of Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, distinguished citizen and author; and

WHEREAS, the building known as the "John Douglas House" possesses architectural significance as one of the finer examples of a vernacular Greek Revival style farmhouse which survives in Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the building known as the "John Douglas House" is one of the few elements of the mid-nineteenth century built environment which survives in the southern section of Mecklenburg County; and

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

WHEREAS, the property known as the "John Douglas 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 "John Douglas 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 "John Douglas House and Site" is owned in

see simple by James Marshall Stallings and wife, Nancy B. Stallings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina:

1. That the property known as the "John Douglas House and Site," including both the interior and the exterior of the building known as the "John Douglas House" and the 5.03 acres of land associated therewith, 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 as recorded on parcel number 141-142-19 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office.
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 may be posted indicating that said property has been designated as historic property and containing any other appropriate information.

If the owner consents, the sign shall be placed on said property. 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 "John Douglas 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 the County Clerk, Building Inspection Department, Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds and the Tax Supervisor 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.

Approved as to form:

Jordan T. Business
Assoc. County Attorney

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

I, Sara E. Snell, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, in meeting held April 8, 1980, and recorded in Minute Book No. 25-A.

Witness my hand and the official seal of said Board, this 9th day of April, 1980.

Sara E. Snell
Clerk to the Board

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