
WHEREAS, all of the prerequisites to the adoption of this ordinance prescribed in Chapter 150A, Article 19, Part 3B, as amended, of the General Statutes of North Carolina have been met; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Charlotte, North Carolina, has taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at a joint public hearing held with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission on the 17th day of March, 19 86, on the question of designating a property known as the "Excelsior Club" as historic property; and

WHEREAS, the original owner of the "Excelsior Club", "Jimmie" McKee (1913-1985), was a leading black philanthropist, political activist, and businessman in Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, the "Excelsior Club" has enjoyed the reputation of being among the most influential social institutions in the black community of Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, the "Excelsior Club" obtained architectural appointments in 1952 which make it perhaps the finest example of the Art Moderne style in Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission has demonstrated that the property known as the "Excelsior Club" possesses integrity of design, setting,
workmanship, materials, and/or association; and

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

WHEREAS, the property known as the "Excelsior Club" is vested in fee simple to HKL, Inc.

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

1. That the property known as the "Excelsior Club" (the exterior of the building, the interior of the building, and the entire lot upon which the building is located) is hereby designated as historic property pursuant to Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 3B, as amended, of the General Statutes of North Carolina. For purposes of description only, the location of said property is noted as being situated at 921 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte, North Carolina, and recorded on Tax Parcel Number 069-066-21 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 may be placed on said property.

5. That the owners and occupants of the property known as the "Excelsior Club" 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.

6. That which is designated as historic property shall be subject to Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 3B, and any amendments of it and any amendments hereinafter adopted.
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Approved as to form:

Henry W. Underhill
City Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I, PAT SHARKEY, 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 17th day of March, 1986, the reference having been made in Minute Book 85, and recorded in full in Ordinance Book 34, at Page(s) 240-243.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 19th day of March, 1986.

PAT SHARKEY, CITY CLERK

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