

ORDINANCE NO. 20-X

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A BUILDING KNOWN AS THE FORMER "FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH" LOCATED ON NORTH TRYON STREET IN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AS HISTORIC PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, all of the prerequisites to the adoption of this ordinance prescribed in Part 3B, Article 19, Chapter 160A of the General Statutes of North Carolina have been met; and

WHEREAS, the City Council 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 19th day of January, 1976, on the question of designating a structure known as the former First Baptist Church as historic property; and

WHEREAS, the former First Baptist Church embodies the finest example in the City of Charlotte of Romanesque-Byzantine Revival architecture and for many years housed one of the outstanding Protestant congregations in the City; and

WHEREAS, the present owner of the structure, the County of Mecklenburg, North Carolina, is interested in the preservation of historic properties generally and in the former First Baptist Church specifically, and does possess the financial responsibility necessary to maintain and preserve the building.

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

1. That the structure known as the former First Baptist Church, located on North Tryon Street within the City of Charlotte is hereby designated as historic property pursuant to Part 3B, Article 19, Chapter 160A of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

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REGISTERED CLERK
MECKLENBURG CO. N.C.



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For purposes of description only, the location of said structure is noted as being situated on a tract of property more specifically described as follows:

BEGINNING at the point of intersection of the easterly margin of North Tryon Street with the center line of Garland Court and running thence from said point of BEGINNING with the easterly margin of North Tryon Street along the back of the sidewalk N. 47-00 E., 86.0 feet to a point; thence S. 45-54 E., 90.64 feet to a point; thence N. 47-07-30 E., 112.71 feet to a point in the southwesterly margin of East Seventh Street and running thence with the said margin of East Seventh Street S. 46-20-30 E., 106.98 feet to an iron stake; thence S. 46-38-30 W., 74.37 feet to an iron stake; thence S. 45-38 E., 47.0 feet to a point; thence S. 47-01 W., 110 feet to an iron stake in the northerly margin of a 14-foot alley; thence N. 46-06 W., 70 feet to a point; thence S., 43-22 W., 14 feet to a point in the center line of Garland Court; thence with the center line of Garland Court N. 45-52 W., 176.80 feet to the point of BEGINNING.

2. That said structure may not be demolished, materially altered, remodeled or removed until ninety (90) days' written notice of the owner's proposed action has been given to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission.

3. That nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prevent the ordinary maintenance or repair of any exterior architectural feature in or on the former First Baptist Church that does not involve a change in design, material, or outer appearance thereof, not to prevent 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 owners from making any use of this property not prohibited by other statutes, ordinances, or regulations.


4. That a suitable sign shall be posted indicating the structure's designation as historic property and containing any other appropriate

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information. If the owner consents, the sign shall be placed upon the former First Baptist Church. If the owner objects, the sign shall be placed on a nearby public right of way.

5. That the owner and occupant of the former First Baptist Church 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 City Clerk, Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds, Building Inspection Department and Tax Supervisor as required by applicable law.

Approved as to form:


City Attorney

Read, approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened on the 19th day of January, 1976, the reference having been made in Minute Book 63, and recorded in full in Ordinance Book 23, at Page 24-26.

Ruth Armstrong
City Clerk

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C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, 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 19th day of January, 1976, and the reference having been made in Minute Book 63, at Page 12-14, and recorded in full in Ordinance Book 23, at Page 15-27.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 27th day of January, 1976.



Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk

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