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Ordinance – First United Presbyterian Church

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 2622-X

Ordinance designating as a Historic Landmark a property known as the “First United Presbyterian Church” (listed under Tax Parcel number 08002103 as of January 1, 2004, and including only the exterior of the 19<sup>th</sup>-century church building, and the parcel of land listed under Tax Parcel Number 08002103 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of January 1, 2004). The property is owned by the First United Presbyterian Church of Charlotte and is located at 400 North College Street in the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

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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 City Council of Charlotte, 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 21st day of June, 2004, on the question of designating a property known as the First United Presbyterian Church as a historic landmark; and

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Charlotte Mecklenburg  
Historic Landmarks Com.  
2100 Randolph Road  
Charlotte, NC 28207

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WHEREAS, the First United Presbyterian Church is associated with one of the oldest African American congregations in the City of Charlotte, organized in 1866 as the Colored Presbyterian Church of Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, the First United Presbyterian Church is significant as one of the oldest Gothic Revival Style buildings in Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the First United Presbyterian Church is important as a symbol of achievement in Charlotte's African American community in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century; and

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

WHEREAS, the property known as the First United Presbyterian Church is owned by the First United Presbyterian Church of Charlotte.

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

1. That the property known as the "First United Presbyterian Church" (listed under Tax Parcel number 08002103 as of January 1, 2004, and including only the exterior of the 19<sup>th</sup>-century church building, and the parcel of land listed under Tax Parcel Number 08002103 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of January 1, 2004) is hereby designated as a historic landmark pursuant to Chapter 160A,

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Article 19, as amended, of the General Statutes of North Carolina. The location of said landmark is noted as being situated at 400 North College Street in the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Exterior features are more completely described in the *Survey and Research Report on the First United Presbyterian Church (2003)*.

2. That said exterior is more specifically defined as the historic and structural fabric, especially including all original exterior architectural features and the original 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

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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.

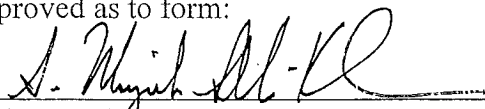
5. That a suitable sign may be posted indicating that said property has been designated as a historic landmark and containing any other appropriate information. If the owner consents, the sign may be placed on said historic landmark.

6. That the owners of the historic landmark known as the "First United Presbyterian Church" 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.

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.

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Approved as to form:

  
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Assistant City Attorney

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Brenda R. Freeze, 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2004, the reference having been made in Minute Book 121 and recorded in full in Ordinance Book 52, Page(s) 865-869.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2004.

  
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Brenda R. Freeze, CMC, City Clerk

*DECISIONS*

1. (A) Hearing to consider designation of the property known as the “**First United Presbyterian Church**” (listed under Tax Parcel Number 08002103 as of January 1, 2004, and including only the exterior of the 19<sup>th</sup> century church building and the parcel of land listed under Tax Parcel Number 08002103 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of January 1, 2004). The property is owned by the First United Presbyterian Church of Charlotte and is located at 400 North College Street in the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.
- (B) Adopt an ordinance designating the “**First United Presbyterian Church**” as a Historic Landmark.

Attachment I

**HEARING HELD AND CLOSED  
BY CITY COUNCIL**

JUN 21 2004

**Brenda R. Freeze, CMC  
City Clerk**

*BRF*

**APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL**

JUN 21 2004

**Brenda R. Freeze, CMC  
City Clerk**

*BRF*



JUDITH A. GIBSON  
REGISTER OF DEEDS, MECKLENBURG  
COUNTY & COURTS OFFICE BUILDING  
720 EAST FOURTH STREET  
CHARLOTTE, NC 28202

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