AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING AS AN HISTORIC LANDMARK THE
PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE "GATEWAY AND CENTURY BUILDINGS" TO
INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: BOTH THE EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDING AND
THE PARCEL OF LAND UPON WHICH IT IS LOCATED, LISTED UNDER TAX
PARCEL NUMBER 078-054-05. THE PROPERTY, OWNED BY THE WEST
TRADE STREET ASSOCIATES, IS LOCATED AT 402-412 WEST TRADE
STREET, CHARLOTTE, MECKLENBURG COUNTY, 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 City Council of the City 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 17th day
of September, 1990, on the question of designating a property
known as the "Gateway and Century Buildings" as a historic landmark;
and

WHEREAS, the "Gateway and Century Buildings" were built and
owned by John Hastings Cutter, a prominent commercial real estate
developer of the early 20th century; and

WHEREAS, the "Gateway and Century Buildings" were designed
by Charles Christian Hook, a Charlotte–based architect of statewide
prominence; and

WHEREAS, the "Gateway Building," with its handsomely detailed
limestone facade, provided retail space to central Charlotte in an era of
rapid expansion; and

WHEREAS, the "Century Building," with its colorful green terra
cotta facade, enlivened West Trade Street and served as an early port
of entry; and
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WHEREAS, the "Gateway and Century Buildings," in their remodeled state, contribute to the revitalization of West Trade Street; and

WHEREAS, the current owners, West Trade Street Associates, have faithfully maintained the "Gateway and Century Buildings" and have thereby made a substantial contribution to the cultural richness of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the property known as the "Gateway and Century Buildings" possesses a structure having integrity of design, setting, workmanship, materials, and/or association; and

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

WHEREAS, the property known as the "Gateway and Century Buildings" is owned by West Trade Street Associates,

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

1. That the property known as the "Gateway and Century Buildings" (including the exterior of the building and the parcel of land upon which it is located, listed under Tax Parcel Number 078-054-05 is hereby designated as 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 402-412 West Trade Street in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.
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2. That said designated landmark may be materially altered, restored, moved or demolished only following the 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. However, the effective date of such a Certificate may be delayed in accordance with Chapter 160A, Article 19, 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 landmark that does not involve a change of 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 landmark owner from making any use of this landmark 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 landmark and containing any other appropriate information. If the owner consents, the sign may be placed on said landmark.

5. That the owners and occupants of the landmark known as the "Gateway and Century Buildings" 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
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Supervisor, as required by applicable law.

6. That which is designated as historic landmark shall be subject to Chapter 160A, Article 19, and any amendments to it and any amendments hereinafter adopted.

Adopted the 17th day of September 1990 by the Members of City Council of the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

[Signature]
Deputy Clerk to the City Council

Approved as to form
[Signature]
City Attorney

Read, approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened on the 17th day of September, 1990, the reference having been made in Minute Book 95, and is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 39, at page(s) 189-192.

Pat Sharkey,
City Clerk