

Ordinance - Sidney and Ethel Grier House

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ORDINANCE NO. 2085-X

Ordinance designating as a Historic Landmark the "Sidney and Ethel Grier House" (including the interior and exterior of the house). The property is owned by Nancy Grier Miller and Florence Simpson Grier, and is located at 4647 McKee Road in the City of Charlotte in 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 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 17th day of June, 2002, on the question of designating a property known as the Sidney and Ethel Grier House as a historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Grier family farms were economically and socially integral to the Providence community of southern Mecklenburg County. As large landowners, members of the Grier family were able to produce cotton and other crops as well as to function as creditors for the poor farmers of the community — practices that place the Grier family farms firmly within the agricultural trends prevalent in the post Civil War South as a whole as well as in Mecklenburg County. Also, members of the Grier family established the first building in Mecklenburg that was exclusively devoted to the spinning of cotton; and

WHEREAS, the Sidney and Ethel Grier House, as part of the Providence Township, retains the qualities of a rural farmhouse. Such places are becoming

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increasingly rare in Charlotte-Mecklenburg and serve as valuable reminders of the agricultural history of Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the Sidney and Ethel Grier House is a well-preserved, pyramidal hipped roofed farmhouse of which there are relatively few examples in rural Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the Sidney and Ethel Grier House features elements of the Craftsman and Queen Anne Styles, illustrating how popular styles could co-exist in the vernacular architecture of early 20th century Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the property known as Sidney and Ethel Grier House possesses special significance in terms of its history, architecture, and/or cultural importance; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has jurisdiction over portions of the property known as the Sidney and Ethel Grier House, because consent for interior design review has been given by the Owner; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the Sidney and Ethel Grier House is owned by Nancy Grier Miller and Florence Simpson Grier.

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

1. That the property known as the “Sidney and Ethel Grier House” (including the interior and exterior of the house.) is hereby designated as a 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 4647 McKee Road in the City of

Charlotte in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Exterior and interior features are more completely described in the *Survey and Research Report on the Sidney and Ethel and Ethel Grier House (2002)*.

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

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 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 Sidney and Ethel Grier House 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.

Adopted the 17th day of June, 2002, by the members of the City

Council of the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

Approved as to form:

Nancy S. Holderness

City Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I, Nancy S. Gilbert, Deputy 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 June, 2002, the reference having been made in Minute Book 118, and recorded in full in Ordinance Book 51, Pages 642-645.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 18th day of June, 2002.

Nancy S. Gilbert
Nancy S. Gilbert, CMC, Deputy City Clerk



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