

ORDINANCE NO. 3551-X

An Ordinance designating as Historic Landmark a property known as "Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church" (listed under Tax Parcel Number 080-204-08 and including the exterior and portions of the interior of the 1916 structure of Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church located within the boundaries of said tax parcel). The portion of the parcel of land to be designated is listed under Tax Parcel Number 080-204-08 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina. The property, owned by the Trustees of Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church, is located at 501 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

WHEREAS, all of the prerequisites to 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 City Council of the City 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 Landmarks Commission on the 19th day of April, 1993, on the question of designating a property known as the Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church (listed under tax parcel Number 080-204-08) as historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the congregation of the church was organized in 1914 as Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church to serve the Elizabeth-Piedmont Park community and became a United Methodist Church in the 1960's; and

WHEREAS, many of Charlotte's most prominent business leaders, including J. B. Ivey, B. D. Heath and E. A. Cole, were charter members of Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church was designed by a leading Charlotte architect, Louis Asbury; and

WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church was built in a popular church design of the period, the "Akron Plan"; and

WHEREAS, the first service at Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church was held on 3 December 1916; and

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WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church is architecturally significant for the many exterior features and appointments, such as the bell tower and the slate roof, intact and in very good condition; and

WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church is architecturally significant for the many interior features and appointments, such as the ceiling lined with American chestnut and the stained glass windows with cast stone tracery, intact and in very good condition; and

WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church is significant as a fine example of an early 20th century Gothic Revival church; and

WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church has, since 1914, continuously served the neighborhood and the city of Charlotte with its active programs for both members and non-members; and

WHEREAS, the original historic fabric of the exterior and the interior of the Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church is largely intact and visible; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has jurisdiction over portions of the interior of the 1916 structure of Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church because consent for interior design review has been given by the Owners; and

WHEREAS, the current Owners, the Trustees of Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church, have faithfully maintained the 1916 structure of Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church 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 Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church (listed under tax parcel Number 080-204-08), 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 Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church possesses special significance in terms of its history, architecture, and/or cultural importance; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church is owned by the Trustees of Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church,

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

1. That the property known as the Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church (listed under tax parcel Number 080-204-08 and including the exterior and portions of the interior of the 1916 structure of Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church) is hereby designated as an historic landmark pursuant to Chapter 160A, Article 19, 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 501 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. For purposes of description only, the location of said building is situated on a portion of the tract of property and is more specifically described as follows:

Being a portion of the property of the Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church shown as tax parcel 080-204-08, being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the southern corner of the property at the corner of East 8th Street and Hawthorne Lane and running 200 feet to the northeast along Hawthorne Lane; thence turning to the northwest and running parallel to the northeast wall of the 1916 structure on an imaginary line at a distance of 25 feet from said wall to end at an imaginary point; thence turning to the southwest and running parallel to the northwest wall of the 1916 structure on an imaginary line at a distance of 10 feet from said wall to end at an imaginary point on the East 8th Street boundary line of the tax parcel; thence turning to the southeast and running along the East 8th Street boundary line to the corner of East 8th Street and Hawthorne Lane, the point and place of BEGINNING.

Interior and exterior features are more completely described in the *Survey and Research Report of Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church* (4 May 1992).

2. That said interior is more specifically defined as the historic and structural fabric of the nave, the sanctuary, the choir, the balcony, the two entry vestibules and the chapel of the 1916 structure of Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church and includes the following items in those areas: the ceiling of American chestnut, the nave's sloping floor, the other original floors, the woodwork and moldings including the wooden screens, balustrades, wainscot, and panels, the stained glass windows, the vestibule doors, the chapel doors, the

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original walls, the hardware and fixtures, the volume and shapes of the interior spaces provided by the Akron Plan and other interior features that are part of the original historic fabric of the building.

3. 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 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, Part 3C, and amendments thereto.

4. 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. 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 historic landmark and containing any other appropriate information. If the owner consents, the sign may be placed on said landmark.

6. That the Owner and occupants of the landmark known as the Hawthorne Lane United Methodist 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.

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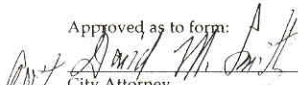
7. That which is designated as historic landmark shall be subject to Chapter 160A, Article 19, and any amendments to it and any amendments hereinafter adopted.

Adopted the 19th day of April 1993 by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina.

  
Clerk to City Council



Approved as to form:

  
City Attorney