
WHEREAS, all of the prerequisites to the adoption of the ordinance prescribed in Part 38, Article 19, Chapter 160A, as amended, of the General Statutes of North Carolina, have been met; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Matthews, North Carolina, 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 27th day of July, 1981, on the question of designating the property known as the "Heath and Reid General Store" as historic property; and

WHEREAS, the "Heath and Reid General Store" is the oldest commercial building now standing in the Town of Matthews, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the "Heath and Reid General Store" retains its essential physical integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. E. G. Heath, co-founder of the "Heath and Reid General Store" was the leading merchant in the Town of Matthews in the late 1800's and early 1900's; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission has demonstrated the historic, architectural, and/or cultural significance of the property known as the "Heath and Reid General Store"; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Division of Archives and History judges that the property known as the "Heath and Reid General Store" possesses architectural significance; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the "Heath and Reid General Store" is vested in fee simple title to John Harrison Biggers and wife, Rachel T. Biggers.

Drawn By and Mail To: Charlotte Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission
139 Middleton Drive
Charlotte, N. C. 28207
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Matthews, North Carolina:

1. That the property known as the "Heath and Reid General Store", including the interior and exterior of the building, and the land associated therewith, is hereby designated as historic property pursuant to Part 3B, Article 19, Chapter 160A, of the General Statutes of North Carolina. For purposes of description only, the location of said property is noted being situated on a tract of property at 196 North Trade Street, Matthews, North Carolina, as recorded on Parcel Number 215-013-01 in the Tax Office of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

2. That said designated property may be materially altered, restored, moved, or demolished only following the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission. An application for a Certificate of Appropriateness authorizing the demolition of said property may not be denied. However, the effective date of such a Certificate may be delayed in accordance with chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 3B, 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 property that does not involve a change of design, material or outer appearance thereof, nor to prevent or delay the making of emergency repairs, nor to prevent or delay the construction, reconstruction, alteration, restoration, demolition or removal of any such feature when a building inspector or similar official certified 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 owner from making any use of this property 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 property and containing any other appropriate information. If the owner consents, the sign shall be placed on said property. If the owner objects, the sign shall be placed on a nearby public right-of-way.

5. That the owners and occupants of the property known as the "Heath and Reid General Store" 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 Town Clerk, Building Inspection Department, Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds, and the Tax Supervisor, as required by applicable law.

6. That which is designated as historic property shall be subject to Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 3B, and any amendments to it and any amendments hereinafter adopted.

Approved as to form:

[Signature]

Town Attorney

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CASH 7.00

CERTIFICATION OF ORDINANCE

I, Juanita H. Jordan, Town Clerk, do hereby certify that this Ordinance is a true copy of the Ordinance adopted by the Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting on August 10, 1981.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of Matthews, North Carolina, this the 19th day of August, 1981.

[Seal]

Juanita H. Jordan
TOWN CLERK