

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE "HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH" (THE ENTIRE EXTERIOR OF THE CHURCH BUILDING, THE ENTIRE INTERIOR OF THE CHURCH BUILDING, THE ENTIRE EXTERIOR OF THE EDUCATION BUILDING, THE ENTIRE INTERIOR OF THE EDUCATION BUILDING, A TRACT OF LAND BOUNDED ON ONE SIDE BY A STRAIGHT LINE RUNNING ALONG THE EASTERN EXTERIOR WALL OF THE EDUCATION BUILDING AND EXTENDING TO BOTH EDGES OF THE TRACT OF LAND RECORDED IN THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY TAX OFFICE UNDER TAX PARCEL NUMBER 015-171-09, AND BOUNDED ON THE OTHER SIDE BY THE EDGE OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY OF BEATTIES FORD ROAD EXTENDING TO BOTH EDGES OF THE TRACT OF LAND RECORDED IN THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY TAX OFFICE UNDER TAX PARCEL NUMBER 015-171-09, AND THE ROCK WALLS ON THE TRACTS OF LAND RECORDED IN THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY TAX OFFICE UNDER TAX PARCEL NUMBERS 023-052-26 AND 023-042-04) AS HISTORIC PROPERTY, SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED ON BOTH SIDES OF BEATTIES FORD ROAD NEAR ITS INTERSECTION WITH SAMPLE ROAD, IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, AND RECORDED ON TAX PARCEL NUMBERS 015-171-09, 023-052-26, 023-042-04 IN THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY TAX OFFICE.

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WHEREAS, all of the prerequisites to the adoption of this ordinance prescribed in Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 3B, as amended, of the General Statutes of North Carolina have been met; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, has taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at a joint public hearing held with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission on the 21st day of March, 1988, on the question of designating a property known as the "Hopewell Presbyterian Church" as historic property; and

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WHEREAS, the "Hopewell Presbyterian Church", established c. 1762, is one of the original Presbyterian churches in Mecklenburg County; and

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 REGISTER OF DEEDS  
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WHEREAS, the overall setting of the "Hopewell Presbyterian Church" retains its original rural atmosphere and contains a graveyard which dates from the mid-1700's and a system of distinctive rock walls and entryways; and

WHEREAS, the present meeting house or church building of "Hopewell Presbyterian Church" contains significant elements of a brick edifice which was completed in 1831; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission has demonstrated that the property known as the "Hopewell Presbyterian Church" possesses integrity of design, setting, workmanship, materials, and/or association; and

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

WHEREAS, the property known as the "Hopewell Presbyterian Church" which is included in the tracts of land recorded in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office under Tax Parcel Numbers 015-171-09 and 023-042-04 is vested in fee simple to Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the "Hopewell Presbyterian Church" which is included in the tract of land recorded in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office under Tax Parcel Number 023-052-26

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is vested in fee simple to Robert Barrett Moss and wife, Susan B. Moss.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina:

1. That the property known as the "Hopewell Presbyterian Church" (the entire exterior of the church building, the entire interior of the church building, the entire exterior of the education building, the entire interior of the education building, a tract of land bounded on one side by a straight line running along the eastern exterior wall of the education building and extending to both edges of the tract of land recorded in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office under Tax Parcel Number 015-171-09, and bounded on the other side by the edge of the public right-of-way of Beatties Ford Road extending to both edges of the tract of land recorded in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office under Tax Parcel Number 015-171-09, and the rock walls on the tracts of land recorded in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office under Tax Parcel numbers 023-052-26 and 023-042-04) is hereby designated as historic property pursuant to Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 3B, as amended, of the General Statutes of North Carolina. For purposes of description only, the location of said property is noted as being situated on both sides of Beatties Ford Road near its intersection with Sample Road, in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, and recorded on Tax

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Parcel Numbers 015-171-09, 023-042-04, and 023-052-26 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office.

2. 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 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 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 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 may be placed on said property.

5. That the owners and occupants of the property known as the "Hopewell 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 County Clerk, Building Standards 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:

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County Attorney

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COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

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I, Hazel H. Hatley, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the Board of County Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, in a meeting held March 21, 1988, approved the foregoing Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH as historic property recorded in full in Minute Book No. 31-A.

Witness my hand and the official seal of said Board, this the 23rd day of March 1988.

Hazel H. Hatley  
Clerk to the Board

