Ordinance — Huntersville Town Jail

Ordinance designating as a Historic Landmark a property known as the "Huntersville Town Jail" (Listed under Tax Parcel Number 01903407 and including the interior and exterior of the building and the land associated with Mecklenburg County tax parcel 01903407 listed in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office as of March 1, 2014). The property is owned by the Town of Huntersville and is located at 301 Huntersville-Concord Road in Huntersville, N.C.

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 Board of Commissioners of the Town of Huntersville, North Carolina, have taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at a public hearing on the 17th day of March, 2014, on the question of designating a property known as the Huntersville Town Jail as a historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission have taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at a public hearing held on the 10th day of March, 2014, on the question of designating a property known as the Huntersville Town Jail as a historic landmark; and
Ordinance – Huntersville Town Jail

WHEREAS, the ca. 1935 Huntersville Town Jail is the oldest surviving municipal building in Huntersville, and reflects the early municipal development of the (then) small town; and

WHEREAS, the Huntersville Town Jail is an important historical artifact of the development and expansion of law enforcement in Mecklenburg County during the first half of the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, the Huntersville Town Jail was constructed during the Great Depression, a time of unprecedented public works projects in Mecklenburg County, and in North Carolina in general; and

WHEREAS, the Huntersville Town Jail is important for understanding the history of rural Mecklenburg County in that it vividly demonstrates the nature of municipal development and law enforcement in the county during the first half of the 20th Century; and

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

WHEREAS, the property known as the Huntersville Town Jail is owned by the Town of Huntersville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the members of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Huntersville, North Carolina:

1. That the property known as the “Huntersville Town Jail” (Listed under Tax Parcel Number 01903407 and including the interior and exterior of the building and the land
associated with Mecklenburg County tax parcel 01903407 listed in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office as of March 1, 2014) 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 301 Huntersville-Concord Road in Huntersville, N.C. Exterior and interior features are more completely described in the *Survey and Research Report on the Huntersville Town Jail (2013).*

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

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 Huntersville Town Jail 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 Town 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 7th day of April, 2014, by the members of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Huntersville, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

[Signature]
Clerk to Town Board

Approved as to form:

[Signature]
Town Attorney