



Ordinance – Lawing Farmhouse

**Ordinance designating as a Historic Landmark a property known as the “Lawing Farmhouse” (Listed under Tax Parcel Number 023-02-229 and including the interior and exterior of the house, and land associated with Mecklenburg County tax parcel 023-02-229 listed in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office as of January 1, 2011) The property is owned by the Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church and is located at 6100 Neck Road in Huntersville, N.C.**

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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 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011, on the question of designating a property known as the Lawing Farmhouse 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011, on the question of designating a property known as the Lawing Farmhouse as a historic landmark; and

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WHEREAS, the Lawing Farmhouse, is important because it is a well preserved example of an early twentieth-century rural Mecklenburg County farmhouse; and

WHEREAS, houses such as the Lawing Farmhouse are becoming increasingly rare as once rural land in Mecklenburg County gives way to urbanization; and

WHEREAS, the Lawing family is one that has a long and contributing history in the Hopewell section of Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the Lawing Farmhouse represents the economic development of the of rural Mecklenburg County after the Civil War, development that was largely a result of innovations in the agrarian enterprise of cotton farming; and

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

WHEREAS, the property known as the Lawing Farmhouse is owned by The Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church.

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 “Lawing Farmhouse” (Listed under Tax Parcel Number 023-02-229 and including the interior and exterior of the house, and land associated with Mecklenburg County tax parcel 023-02-229 listed in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office as of January 1, 2011) 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 6100 Neck Road in

Huntersville, N.C. Exterior and interior features are more completely described in the *Survey and Research Report on the Lawing Farmhouse (2010)*.

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

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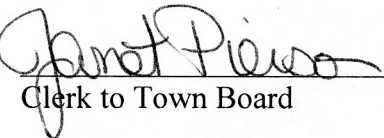
*The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings*, the guidelines used by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission to evaluate proposed alterations or additions.

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.

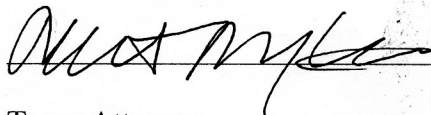
6. That the owners of the historic landmark known as the Lawing Farmhouse be given notice of this ordinance as required by applicable law and that copies of this ordinance be filed and indexed in the offices of the Town Clerk, Building Standards Department, Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds, and the Tax Supervisor, as required by applicable law.

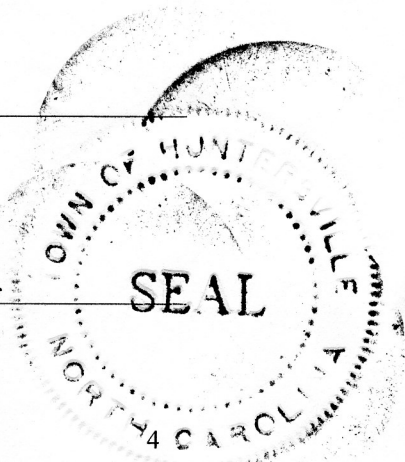
7. That which is designated as a historic landmark shall be subject to Chapter 160A, Article 19, of the General Statutes of North Carolina as amended, and any amendments to it and any amendments hereinafter adopted.

Adopted the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011, by the members of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Huntersville, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

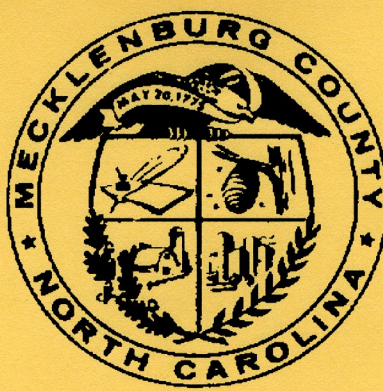
  
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