Ordinance – Long Creek Mill Ruin

Ordinance designating as an Historic Landmark a property known as the “Long Creek Mill Ruin” (listed under Tax Parcel Numbers 02516106, and 02516108 as of June 15, 2013, and including the land and all features of Tax Parcel Numbers 02516106, and 02516108). The property is owned by Mecklenburg County, and is located at 8508 and 8604 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte, North Carolina.

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 City Council of Charlotte, North Carolina, have taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at a public hearing held on the 15th day of July, 2013, on the question of designating a property known as the Long Creek Mill Ruin as an 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 June, 2013, on the question of designating a property known as the Long Creek Mill Ruin as an historic landmark; and

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WHEREAS, the Long Creek Mill Ruin is significant as the site of an earlier mill that was prominent in the Colonial era of Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the Long Creek Mill Ruin is significant in terms of the local community. The mill was a commercial, social, and civic center of the community during the 19th century. The mill was associated with prominent families associated with Hopewell Presbyterian Church and St. Mark’s Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, the Long Creek Mill, later known as Whitley’s Mill, was the last operating grist mill in north Mecklenburg; and

WHEREAS, as an abandoned commercial hub, the Long Creek Mill Ruin may possess significant archeological resources; and

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

WHEREAS, the property known as the Long Creek Mill Ruin is owned by Mecklenburg County.

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

1. That the property known as the “Long Creek Mill Ruin” (listed under Tax Parcel Numbers 02516106, and 02516108 as of June 15, 2013, and including the land and all features of Tax Parcel Numbers 02516106, and 02516108) is hereby designated as an 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 8508 and 8604 Beatties Ford Road,
Charlotte, North Carolina. Features of the property are more completely described in the “Survey and Research Report on the Long Creek Mill Ruin” (2012).

2. 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.

3. 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.
4. That a suitable sign may be posted indicating that said property has been designated as an historic landmark and containing any other appropriate information. If the owner consents, the sign may be placed on said historic landmark.

5. That the owners of the historic landmark known as the "Long Creek Mill Ruin" 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.

6. That which is designated as an 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.

CERTIFICATION

I, Stephanie C. Kelly, City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened on the 16th day of September, 2013, the reference having been made in Minute Book 135, and recorded in full in Ordinance Book 58, Page(s) 388-391.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 30th day of September, 2013.

[Signature]
Stephanie C. Kelly, MMC, City Clerk