AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE OLD MATTHEWS SCHOOL BUILDING (INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDING AND THE SURROUNDING 1.01 ACRES OF LAND) AS HISTORIC PROPERTY, SUCH PROPERTY LOCATED ON SOUTH TRADE STREET IN MATTHEWS, NORTH CAROLINA, AND RECORDED ON PARCEL NUMBER 227-211-34 IN THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY TAX OFFICE.

WHEREAS, all of the prerequisites to the adoption of the ordinance prescribed in Part 3B, 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 considered into full consideration all statements and information presented at the joint public hearing held with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission on the _/___ day of ___, ___, 1985, on the question of designating the property known as the "Old Matthews School Building" as historic property; and

WHEREAS, the "Old Matthews School Building" served as the educational centerpiece of the Matthews community from 1907 until the early 1980's; and

WHEREAS, the "Old Matthews School Building" exhibits an evolution of architectural styles and motifs associated with public building architecture in Charlotte-Mecklenburg during the first half of the 20th century; and

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

WHEREAS, the property known as the "Old Matthews School Building" possesses integrity of design, setting, workmanship, materials, feeling and/or association; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the "Old Matthews School Building" is vested in fee simple to the Town of Matthews, North Carolina.

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

1. That the property known as the "Old Matthews School Building" (interior and exterior of the building and the surrounding 1.01 acres of land) is hereby
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designated as historic property pursuant to Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 3B, of the General Statutes of North Carolina. For purposes of description only, the location of said property is noted as being situated on a tract of property on South Trade Street, Matthews, North Carolina, and recorded on Tax Parcel Number 227-211-34 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 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 shall be placed on said property.

5. That the owners of occupants of the property known as the "Old Matthews School Building" be given the notice of this ordinance as required
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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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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 of the Town of Matthews on February 11, 1985.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of Matthews, North Carolina, this the 21st day of February, 1985.

[Signature]

Juanita H. Jordan

Town Clerk