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ORDINANCE NO. 2519-X

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE "MAYER HOUSE" (THE EXTERIOR AND THE INTERIOR OF THE HOUSE, AND THE ENTIRE TRACT OF LAND RECORDED UNDER TAX PARCEL NUMBER 123-075-03) AS HISTORIC PROPERTY, SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED AT 311 EAST BOULEVARD, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, AND RECORDED ON TAX PARCEL NUMBER 123-075-03 IN THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY TAX OFFICE.

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 City Council of Charlotte, 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 17th day of October, 1988, on the question of designating a property known as the "Mayer House" as historic property; and

WHEREAS, the "Mayer House", erected c. 1907-08, is one of the older houses in Dilworth, Charlotte's initial streetcar suburb; and

WHEREAS, the "Mayer House" makes an important contribution to the integrity of the East Boulevard streetscape; and

WHEREAS, Carson McCullers (1917-1967), noted author, wrote part of her famous work, The Heart is a Lonely Hunter, while living in the house; and

WHEREAS, the "Mayer House" is an outstanding local example of adaptive re-use of an historic structure.

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

WHEREAS, the property known as the "Mayer House" is vested in fee simple to Jack F. Apple.

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

1. That the property known as the "Mayer House" (the exterior and the interior of the house, and the entire tract of land recorded under Tax Parcel Number 123-175-03) 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 at 311 East Boulevard, Charlotte, North Carolina, and recorded on Tax Parcel Number 123-175-03 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 "Mayer House" 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 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]
City Attorney

[Signature]
Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Pat Sharkey, 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 17th day of October, 1988, the reference
having been made in Minute Book 91, and is recorded in full in Ordinance
Book 37, at page(s) 227-230.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North
Carolina, this the 18th day of October, 1988.

[Signature]
Pat Sharkey, City Clerk