Ordinance designating as a Historic Landmark a property known as the "Ephraim Alexander McAuley House" (listed under Tax Parcel Number 025-281-02 as of January 1, 2001 and including the entire exterior of the house and the entire interior of the house. The property is owned by Metrolina Properties LP and is located at 10900 Alexanderana Road in the Long Creek Community of Mecklenburg County, 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 Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, have taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at a joint public hearing held with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission on the 20th day of February, 2001, on the question of designating a property known as the Ephraim Alexander McAuley House as a historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Ephraim Alexander McAuley House represents the development of a typical Mecklenburg County farmstead in the 19th and early 20th centuries; and

WHEREAS, the McAuley House is further significant for its expression of typical early 20th century farmhouse architecture in the county; and

WHEREAS, John Ellis McAuley, who inherited the Ephraim Alexander McAuley House from his father, was a locally important craftsman and homebuilder in the Long Creek Community; and
WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the property known as Ephraim Alexander McAuley House possesses special significance in terms of its history, architecture, and/or cultural importance; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has jurisdiction over portions of the property known as the Ephraim Alexander McAuley House, because consent for interior design review has been given by the Owner; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the Ephraim Alexander McAuley House is owned by Metrolina Properties LP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the members of the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina:

1. That the property known as the “Ephraim Alexander McAuley House” (including the entire exterior of the house and the entire interior of the house) 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 10900 Alexanderana Road in the Long Creek Community of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Interior and exterior features are more completely described in the Survey and Research Report on the Ephraim Alexander McAuley House [October 1, 1999].

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

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 this 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 and occupants of the historic landmark known as the Ephraim Alexander McAuley 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.

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 20th day of February, 2001, by the members of the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

Clerk to the Board

Approved as to form:

M A Bethune
County Attorney