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ORDINANCE NO. 3010

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING AS AN HISTORIC LANDMARK THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE "MCNINCH HOUSE" TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: BOTH THE INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR OF THE HOUSE, THE INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR OF THE GARAGE/SERVANT'S QUARTERS, AND THE PARCEL OF LAND UPON WHICH THEY ARE LOCATED, LISTED UNDER TAX PARCEL NUMBER 183-012-04. THE PROPERTY, OWNED BY WILLIAM J., JR., AND MARY ELLEN WORTMAN, IS LOCATED AT 2727 SHARON LANE, CHARLOTTE, 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 City Council of the City of Charlotte, 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 17th day of September, 1990, on the question of designating a property known as the "McNinch House" as a historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the "McNinch House" was constructed in 1925 for Frank Ramsay McNinch, one of North Carolina's most prominent political figures; and

WHEREAS, Frank Ramsay McNinch, original owner of the "McNinch House," guided the city into the Commission form of government and curbed the bloody streetcar strike of 1918 while mayor of Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, Frank Ramsay McNinch, while serving two United States presidents in Washington, D. C., filled various high ranking positions including that of President Roosevelt's representative to the World Power Conference at the Hague; and

WHEREAS, the "McNinch House" served as home for the C. P. Street family of the prominent construction firm, McDevitt and Street; and

WHEREAS, the "McNinch House" is an excellent example of the Colonial Revival style of architecture that flourished following the restoration of Mount Vernon; and

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WHEREAS, the "McNinch House" is an example of the early 20th century country estates that lured Fourth Ward residents from the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the irregular chimney, with two windows in it, is a unique feature of the "McNinch House;" and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has jurisdiction over the interior because consent for interior review has been given by the owners; and

WHEREAS, the current owners, William J., Jr., and Mary Ellen Wortman, have faithfully maintained the "McNinch House" and have thereby made a substantial contribution to the cultural richness of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the property known as the "McNinch House" possesses a structure having integrity of design, setting, workmanship, materials, and/or association; and

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

WHEREAS, the property known as the "McNinch House" is owned by William J., Jr., and Mary Ellen Wortman,

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

1. That the property known as the "McNinch House" (including the interior and exterior of the house, the interior and exterior of the

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garage/servant's quarters, and the parcel of land upon which they are located, listed under Tax Parcel Number 183-012-04 is hereby designated as 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 2727 Sharon Lane in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

2. That said designated landmark may be materially altered, restored, moved or demolished only following the 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. However, the effective date of such a Certificate may be delayed in accordance with Chapter 160A, Article 19, 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 landmark that does not involve a change of 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 landmark owners from making any use of this landmark 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 landmark and containing any other appropriate information. If the owner consents, the sign may be placed on said landmark.

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5. That the owners and occupants of the landmark known as the "McNinch 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 landmark shall be subject to Chapter 160A, Article 19, and any amendments to it and any amendments hereinafter adopted.

Adopted the 17th day of September 1990 by the Members of City Council of the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

Brenda R. Kelly
DEPUTY Clerk to the City Council



Approved as to form
David M. Smith
City Attorney

Read, approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened on the 17th day of September, 1990, the reference having been made in Minute Book 96, and is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 39, at page(s) 193-196.

Pat Sharkey,
City Clerk