

ORDINANCE NO. 21-K

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A BUILDING KNOWN AS "MINT MUSEUM OF ART" LOCATED AT 501 HEMPSTEAD PLACE IN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AS HISTORIC PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, all of the prerequisites to the adoption of this ordinance prescribed in Part 3B, Article 19, Chapter 160A of the General Statutes of North Carolina have been met; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at the joint public hearing held with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission on the 19th day of January, 1976, on the question of designating a structure known as the Mint Museum of Art as historic property; and

WHEREAS, the Mint Museum of Art was originally constructed in Charlotte between 1835-1837 as the first branch of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Designed by a noted architect of the time, William Strickland, the building is an outstanding example of the modified Greek Revival or Federal Classic architectural style. Minting over \$5,000,000 in coins before the Civil War, the Mint stood at its original location on West Street until 1933. After careful measurements and architectural drawings were made, the structure was demolished and the materials moved to the present site where it was reconstructed and opened as the Mint Museum of Art in 1936; and

WHEREAS, the Mint Museum of Art was the first art museum in North Carolina and remains the only public collection of art in the region. In addition, the Mint maintains an exhibit and conducts tours regarding the early gold mining era in this area, the minting operations, and the history of

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the Mint itself. The City of Charlotte is the present owner of the Mint Museum of Art whose operations are carried out by the Mint Museum of Art, Inc., the present occupant of the facility. Both the City of Charlotte and the Mint Museum of Art, Inc. are interested in the preservation of historic properties generally and the Mint Museum of Art specifically and do possess the financial responsibility necessary to maintain and preserve the building.

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

1. That the structure known as the Mint Museum of Art, located at 501 Hempstead Place within the City of Charlotte is hereby designated as historic property pursuant to Part 3B, Article 19, Chapter 160A of the General Statutes of North Carolina. For purposes of description only, the location of said structure is noted as being situated on a tract of property more specifically described as follows:

Beginning at an iron stake in the intersection of the center lines of Lockley Drive and Museum Place, thence, along the center line of Lockley Drive and with the arc of a circular curve to the left of radius 1676.43 feet, a distance of 409.00 feet, to a point in the intersection of the center lines of Lockley Drive and Eastover Road; thence, with the center line of Eastover Road and with the arc of a circular curve to the right of radius 716.24 feet, a distance of 181.00 to a point of compound curve; thence, with the arc of a new circular curve to the right of radius 2843.25 feet, a distance of 220.00 feet to a point of tangency in the center of Eastover Road; thence, with said center line S. 86-45 W., 54.69 feet to a point in the intersection of Eastover Road and Hempstead Place; thence, with the center line of Hempstead Place and with the arc of a circular curve to the right of radius 1909.86 feet, a distance of 150.00 feet, to a point of compound curve in the center of Hempstead Place; thence with the arc of a new circular curve to the right

of radius 340.90 feet, a distance of 53.00 feet, to a point in the intersection of the center lines of Hempstead Place and Museum Place; thence, with the center line of Museum Place and with the arc of a circular curve to the right of radius 1909.86 feet, a distance of 448.33 feet to the point of Beginning, being all of Block 11-A, Eastover as is shown in Book 4, Page 77, of the Mecklenburg Registry, excepting from this conveyance, however, a strip of land twenty-five feet in width along Lockley Drive; a strip twenty feet in width along Eastover Road, a strip twenty-five feet in width along Hempstead Place; a strip twenty-five feet in width along Museum Place, to be used as public streets.

2. That said structure may not be demolished, materially altered, remodeled or removed until ninety (90) days' written notice of the owner's proposed action has been given to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission.

3. That nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prevent the ordinary maintenance or repair of any exterior architectural feature in or on the Mint Museum of Art that does not involve a change in design, material, or outer appearance thereof, nor to prevent 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 owners from making any use of this property not prohibited by other statutes, ordinances or regulations.

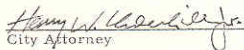
4. That a suitable sign shall be posted indicating the structure's designation as historic property and containing any other appropriate information.

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5. That the Mint Museum of Art, Inc. be given the 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, Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds, Building Inspection Department and Tax Supervisor as required by applicable law.

Approved as to form:

  
City Attorney

Read, approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened on the 19th day of January, 1976, the reference having been made in Minute Book 63, and recorded in full in Ordinance Book 23, at Page 27-30.

Ruth Armstrong  
City Clerk

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C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, 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 19th day of January, 1976, and the reference having been made in Minute Book 63, at Page 12-14, and recorded in full in Ordinance Book 23, at Page 15-27.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 27th day of January, 1976.

  
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Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk

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