



ORDINANCE NO. 3563-X

An Ordinance designating as Historic Landmark a property known as "Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon House" (listed under Tax Parcel Number 123-093-01 and including the entire exterior and the entire interior of the Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon House and the entire exterior and the entire interior of the garage located within the boundaries of said tax parcel). The parcel of land to be designated is listed under Tax Parcel Number 123-093-01 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina. The property, owned by Charles Thomas Humphries and Nancy E. Humphries, is located at 800 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

WHEREAS, all of the prerequisites to 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 City Council of the City 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 Landmarks Commission on the 17th day of May, 1993, on the question of designating a property known as the Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon House (listed under tax parcel Number 123-093-01) as historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon, born in Spartanburg, South Carolina in 1869, began his service as a Methodist minister in 1889 in the Texas conference; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon was elected to the office of bishop in May, 1910; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon presided over most of the conferences of the Methodist Church in the United States, as well as those of Mexico and South America; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon served as a delegate to the ecumenical conferences of the world in Toronto (1911), London (1921), and Atlanta (1931); and

WHEREAS, Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon set up the Methodist Church of Brazil in 1930; and

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WHEREAS, Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon and his second wife, Mary Pearl Langdon Mouzon, moved to Charlotte in 1927; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon was one of the country's most prominent churchmen and the senior bishop of the Southern Methodist Church at the time of his death in 1937; and

WHEREAS, the Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon House was designed by the Charlotte architect, Marvin W. Helms; and

WHEREAS, Marvin W. Helms, a Mecklenburg County native who was associated with C. C. Hook, learned architecture by apprenticeship; and

WHEREAS, Marvin W. Helms designed hundreds of rural Methodist churches funded by the Duke Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Marvin W. Helms was particularly adept at Gothic detail and designed the 1926 sanctuary for the Dilworth Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, the Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon House, completed in 1927, is architecturally significant as an Eclectic House built in the Tudor style; and

WHEREAS, the Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon House is architecturally significant for the many exterior features and appointments, such as the Tudor false half-timbering with stucco infill, intact and in very good condition; and

WHEREAS, the Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon House is architecturally significant for the many interior features and appointments, such as the fireplaces and the woodwork, intact and in very good condition; and

WHEREAS, the Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon House can provide valuable insight into "life in the streetcar suburb" of Dilworth; and

WHEREAS, the original historic fabric of the exterior and the interior of the Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon House is largely intact and visible; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has jurisdiction over the interior of the Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon House because consent for interior design review has been given by the Owners; and

WHEREAS, the current Owners, Charles Thomas Humphries and Nancy E. Humphries, have faithfully maintained the Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon 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 Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon House (listed under tax parcel Number 123-093-01), 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 Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon House possesses special significance in terms of its history, architecture, and/or cultural importance; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon House is owned by Charles Thomas Humphries and Nancy E. Humphries,

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

1. That the property known as the Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon House (listed under tax parcel Number 123-093-01 and including the exterior and the interior of the Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon House and the exterior and the interior of the garage) is hereby designated as an historic landmark pursuant to Chapter 160A, Article 19, 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 800 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Charlotte, in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Interior and exterior features are more completely described in the *Survey and Research Report of Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon House* (28 December 1992).

2. That said interior is more specifically defined as the historic and structural fabric of the arched foyer, halls, stairway, sun porch, basement, attic, and rooms of the Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon House and includes the following items in those areas: the original floors, the woodwork and moldings, the plaster walls, the plaster decorative elements, the Corinthian columns set on built-in cabinets, the built-in cupboards, the large windows, the fire surrounds, the glass paneled doors, the wooden doors, the glass door knobs, the brass keyholes, the hardware

and fixtures, the volume and shapes of the interior spaces provided in the Eclectic House built in the Tudor style and other interior features that are part of the original historic fabric of the building.

3. 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 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, Part 3C, and amendments thereto.

4. 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 owner from making any use of this 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 historic landmark and containing any other appropriate information. If the owner consents, the sign may be placed on said landmark.

6. That the Owner and occupants of the landmark known as the Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon 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 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 May 1993 by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Brenda R. Freeze
Clerk to City Council



Read, approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened on the 17th day of May, 1993, the reference having been made in Minute Book 102, and is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 43, at page(s)63-67.

Brenda R. Freeze
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

David M. Smith
City Attorney