Ordinance – R. F. Outen Pottery

Ordinance designating as an Historic Landmark a property known as the “R. F. Outen Pottery” (listed under Tax Parcel Number 22702313, and including the interior and exterior of the workshop, the kiln, and the land associated with Tax Parcel Number 22702313 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of July 1, 2012) The property is owned by Rufus Franklin Outen, Jr. and Deborah M. Outen, and is located at 430 Jefferson Street, Matthews, 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 the Town of Matthews, North Carolina, have taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at a public hearing held on the 27th day of August, 2012, on the question of designating a property known as the R. F. Outen Pottery as an historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission have taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at a public hearing held on the 13th day of August, 2012, on the question of designating a property known as the R. F. Outen Pottery as an historic landmark; and
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WHEREAS, the R. F. Outen Pottery is a rare surviving example of a workshop and pottery that produced utilitarian earthenware and stoneware for local use from local clays. This type of industry was common in the Piedmont of North Carolina in the nineteenth century but nearly disappeared as the twentieth century progressed; and

WHEREAS, the R. F. Outen Pottery is important for its association with Rufus F. Outen (1905-1983), one of the last traditionally-trained potters in North Carolina who continued to produce utilitarian ware in the second half of the twentieth century; and

WHEREAS, the R. F. Outen Pottery is significant as a rare surviving example of a twentieth-century workshop and kiln in Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the R. F. Outen Pottery is the most complete artifact of the pottery industry in Matthews, a town which was a significant producer of pottery for much of the twentieth century; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the R. F. Outen Pottery is owned by Rufus Franklin Outen, Jr. and Deborah M. Outen.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the members of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Matthews, North Carolina:

1. That the property known as the “R. F. Outen Pottery” (listed under Tax Parcel Number 22702313, and including the interior and exterior of the workshop, the kiln, and the land associated with Tax Parcel Number 22702313 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of July 1, 2012) is hereby designated as an 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 430 Jefferson
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Street in Matthews, North Carolina. Features of the property are more completely described in the *Survey and Research Report on the R. F. Outen Pottery (2011)*.

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

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 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*
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*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 an 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 of the historic landmark known as the R. F. Outen Pottery 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 Town Clerk, Building Standards Department, Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds, and the Tax Supervisor, as required by applicable law.

7. That the property which is designated as an 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 24th day of September, 2012, by the members of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Matthews, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

Clerk to The Board

Approved as to form:

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Town Attorney