Ordinance – James and Elizabeth Purcell House

**Exhibit IX (c)**

Ordinance designating as an Historic Landmark a property known as the “James and Elizabeth Purcell House” (listed under Tax Parcel Number 00701305 and including the exterior of the house and the land listed under Tax Parcel Number 00701305 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of August 1, 2010) The property is owned by James N. Bartl and Dawn A. Blobaum and is located at 206 Lorimer Road in Davidson, 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 Town Board of Davidson, North Carolina, have taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at a public hearing held on the 14th day of September, 2010, on the question of designating a property known as the James and Elizabeth Purcell House 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 September, 2010, on the question of
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designating a property known as the James and Elizabeth Purcell House as an historic
landmark; and
WHEREAS, the James and Elizabeth Purcell House is a rare and exceptional example of mid-twentieth modern architecture in Davidson, N.C.; and

WHEREAS, the James and Elizabeth Purcell House helps demonstrate the architectural development of Davidson; and

WHEREAS, the James and Elizabeth Purcell House was designed by the Charlotte architectural firm formed by Harold L. Cooler and Marshall McDowell, which specialized in modern style buildings; and

WHEREAS, the James and Elizabeth Purcell House was the home of James Slicer Purcell, III, a faculty member of note at Davidson College; and

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

WHEREAS, the property known as the James and Elizabeth Purcell House is owned by James N. Bartl and Dawn A. Blobaum.

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

1. That the property known as the "James and Elizabeth Purcell House" (listed under Tax Parcel Number 00701305 and including the exterior of the house and the land listed under Tax Parcel Number 00701305 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of August 1, 2010) 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 206 Lorimer Road in Davidson, North Carolina. Exterior features are more completely described in the Survey and Research Report on the James and Elizabeth Purcell House (2009).

2. That said exterior is more specifically defined as the historic and structural fabric, especially including all original 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
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 James and Elizabeth Purcell
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 Town Clerk, Building Standards
Department, Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds, and the Tax Supervisor, as required
by applicable law.

7. That 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 14th day of September, 2010, by the members of the Town Board of
Davidson, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

Clerk to Town Board

Approved as to form:

Town Attorney
A NS (non standard) fee is in accordance with NC G.S. 161-10 (a) (18b)