

ORDINANCE NUMBER _____

TOWN OF MATTHEWS, NORTH CAROLINA

Board Meeting of November 25, 1991

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING AS AN HISTORIC LANDMARK THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE "RENFROW HARDWARE STORE" TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: BOTH THE INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDINGS AND THE PARCEL OF LAND UPON WHICH THEY ARE LOCATED, LISTED UNDER TAX PARCEL NUMBER 215-013-02. THE PROPERTY, OWNED BY MR. FRANKLIN M. RENFROW, IS LOCATED AT 188 NORTH TRADE STREET, MATTHEWS, 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 Board of Commissioners of the Town of Matthews, 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 25th day of November, 1991, on the question of designating a property known as the "Renfrow Hardware Store" as a historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the "Renfrow Hardware Store" was begun by Captain Thomas Jefferson Renfrow in 1900; and

WHEREAS, the "Renfrow Hardware Store" is one of the earliest stores in the Matthews area that is still operational in its original form; and

WHEREAS, the "Renfrow Hardware Store" continues to be operated by descendants of the founder; and

WHEREAS, the "Renfrow Hardware Store" is architecturally significant for exemplifying the type of commercial vernacular architecture that was predominant in the small towns of Mecklenburg County in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries; and

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REGISTERED DEC/05/1991 01:38PM ANNE A. POWERS REGISTER OF DEEDS MECK. CO. N.C.

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WHEREAS, the largely intact interior of the Renfrow Hardware Store provides insight into early mercantile complexes; and

WHEREAS, the "Renfrow Hardware Store" is a timeless landmark and an essential component of the historic streetscape of Matthews; and

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

WHEREAS, the current owner, Mr. Franklin M. Renfrow, has faithfully maintained the "Renfrow Hardware Store" and has thereby made a substantial contribution to the cultural richness of Matthews and Mecklenburg County; and

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

WHEREAS, the property known as the "Renfrow Hardware Store" is owned by Mr. Franklin M. Renfrow,

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

1. That the property known as the "Renfrow Hardware Store" (including the interior and exterior of the buildings and the parcel of land upon which they are located, listed under Tax Parcel Number 215-013-02 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 188 North Trade Street in Matthews, Mecklenburg County, N. C.

2. That said interior is more specifically defined as the historic fabric of the "Renfrow Hardware Store" to include the hardwood floors, the original windows and doors, the beaded board ceilings, the open trusses supporting the roof, the brick walls, the painted plaster walls, the moldings, the built-in display cases, and the owner's office area (enclosed by a paneled half-wall).

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3. 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.

4. That 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 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.

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 owners and occupants of the landmark known as the "Renfrow Hardware Store" 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 historic landmark shall be subject to Chapter 160A, Article 19, and any amendments to it and any amendments hereinafter adopted.

Adopted the 25th day of November 1991 by the Members of Board of Commissioners of the Town of Matthews, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.



Jeanita H. Jordan
Town Clerk



Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission

PERMISSION OF OWNER FOR INTERIOR DESIGN REVIEW

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 160A-400.9(b),
I, Frank M Renfrow, owner of record of the property
known as the Renfrow Hardware Store, do hereby request historic landmark
designation of interior spaces as such spaces have been deemed to have
architectural, cultural, or historical significance. I give permission to the
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission to exercise
jurisdiction for design review over all interior designated portions of the

Renfrow Hardware Store

located at 188 North Trade Street, Matthews, North Carolina
on Tax Parcel Number 215-013-02.

Signature: Frank M. Renfrow
(Owner)

Name (Print): Frank M. Renfrow

Date: 8/7/91

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