September 6, 2006

North Carolina
Mecklenburg County

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and accurate copy of Ordinance No. 2006-00346 for the Town of Cornelius dated June 19, 2006.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the official seal of the Town of Cornelius to be affixed, this 6th day of September, 2006.

Carolyn K. Sigmon, CMC
Town Clerk
Town of Cornelius

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TOWN OF CORNELIUS
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ATTN: BECKY PARTIN
AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE ROOSEVELT WILSON HOUSE

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2003, the Town of Cornelius Board of Commissioners adopted an amended Historic Preservation Ordinance in the Land Development Code and Rules of Procedure for the Historic Preservation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance and Rules provides for the designation of Historic Landmarks by the Board upon recommendation and findings by the Town of Cornelius Historic Preservation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission at its May 18, 2006 regular meeting has found the Roosevelt Wilson House, to be of special significance in terms of its historical, architectural, and cultural importance by the following: an example of the earliest and intact properties of this time; a former residence of Roosevelt Wilson, a significant figure in this area; and being one of the few remaining traditional and vernacular style buildings within the Town of Cornelius and to possess integrity of design, setting, workmanship, materials, feeling, and association; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission at its May 18, 2006 regular meeting has recommended designation of the Roosevelt Wilson House as a Historic Landmark, and the Commission has otherwise complied with all applicable requirements of the Ordinance and Rules regarding establishment of a Historic Landmark; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, Division of Archives and History, State Historic Preservation Office made a favorable recommendation regarding the consideration of Historic Landmark designation for this property.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Town of Cornelius Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. In accordance with the requirements of applicable state statutes, the Historic Preservation Ordinance, and Rules of Procedure the Roosevelt Wilson House is hereby designated as a Historic Landmark. The Roosevelt Wilson House is located at 21207 Potts Street, Cornelius, NC, 28031, on a tract of land identified as Mecklenburg County Tax Parcel Number 003-205-10 and described in a deed recorded in Book 11380, Page 111, Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds. The current owner of the Roosevelt Wilson House is Donald S. Morris, Jr. For the purposes of this designation, the “Roosevelt Wilson House” shall refer to: (i) the exterior of the house; and (ii) the approximately 0.46 acre property, including all structures and improvements thereon.

2. From and after the designation of the Roosevelt Wilson House as a Historic Landmark, no exterior portion of any building or other structure, nor any above ground utility structure, nor any type of outdoor advertising sign, shall be erected, altered, restored, moved, or demolished on such Landmark until after an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness has been submitted to and approved by the Historic Preservation Commission. The waiting period specified in North Carolina General Statute Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 3C shall be observed prior to any demolition of the Roosevelt Wilson House.
3. Upon consent by the owner, the Historic Preservation Commission may post a suitable sign on the property indicating its designation as a Historic Landmark. If the owner objects to such sign, the Commission may place the sign on a nearby right-of-way.

4. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to prevent the ordinary maintenance or repair of any exterior architectural feature which does not involve a change in design, materials, or outer appearance thereof, nor to prevent the construction, reconstruction, alteration, restoration, or demolition of any such feature which the building inspector or similar official shall certify is required for public safety because of an unsafe or dangerous condition. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent a property owner from making use of his property not prohibited by other statutes, ordinances, or regulations. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to prevent the maintenance or in the event of an emergency, the immediate restoration of any existing above ground utility structure.

5. Upon adoption of this Ordinance, the Historic Preservation Commission shall provide written notice of Landmark status to the owners and occupants of the Roosevelt Wilson House. The Commission shall also file a copy of this Ordinance, and any subsequent amendments hereto, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Mecklenburg County, requesting that the designated Landmark be indexed according to the name of the owners of the property in the grantor or grantor indexes. The Commission shall file copies of this Ordinance, and any subsequent amendments hereto, with the Town Clerk for the purpose public inspection at any reasonable time, with the Mecklenburg County Building Inspections Department, and the Mecklenburg County Tax Assessor's office.

6. This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

Adopted this 19th day of June 2006.

Gary T. Knox, Mayor

Attest:

Carolyn K. Sigmon, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form:

William L. Brown, Town Attorney