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ORDINANCE NO. 4806-Z

Ordinance – John B. Ross and Company Mill

Ordinance designating as an Historic Landmark a property known as the “John B. Ross and Company Mill” (listed under Tax Parcel number 078-425-01 and including the exteriors of the buildings, and the parcel of land listed under Tax Parcel Number 078-425-01 as of November 1, 2011 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina). The property is owned by Fiber Mills LLC and is located at 1000 NC Music Factory Boulevard, Charlotte, 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 City Council of Charlotte, North Carolina, have taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at a public hearing held on the 12th day of December, 2011, on the question of designating a property known as the John B. Ross and Company Mill 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 14th day of November, 2011, on the question of designating a property known as the John B. Ross and Company Mill as an historic landmark; and

PLEASE RETURN TO:
CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
2100 Randolph Rd.
Charlotte, NC 28207
WHEREAS, the John B. Ross and Company Mill is significant for its contribution to the industrial strength of Charlotte throughout the first half of the twentieth century; and

WHEREAS, the John B. Ross and Company Mill is one of the earliest textile mills in Charlotte that has a high degree of integrity where so many comparable buildings have been significantly altered or entirely demolished; and

WHEREAS, the John B. Ross and Company Mill is significant as an example of an early twentieth century cotton mill that was easily converted into an asbestos textile mill; and

WHEREAS, the John B. Ross and Company Mill is particularly important as the location of the Southern Asbestos Company, a regional leader in terms of production, employment, and numbers of spindles and looms; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the property known as the John B. Ross and Company Mill possesses special significance in terms of its history, and/or cultural importance; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the John B. Ross and Company Mill is owned by Fiber Mills LLC.

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

1. That the property known as the “John B. Ross and Company Mill” (listed under Tax Parcel number 078-425-01 and including the exteriors of the buildings, and the parcel of land listed under Tax Parcel Number 078-425-01 as of November 1, 2011 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina) 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 1000 NC Music Factory Boulevard in the City of

2. That said exterior is more specifically defined as the historic and structural fabric, especially including all original exterior architectural features and the original 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 “John B. Ross and Company Mill” 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 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.

Approved as to form:

[Signature]
Senior Assistant City Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I, Stephanie C. Kelly, City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the city of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened on the 17th day of January, 2012 the reference having been made in Minute Book 132, and recorded in full in Ordinance Book 57, Pages (481-484).

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 20th day of January, 2012.

[Signature]
Stephanie C. Kelly, MMC, City Clerk