

FOR REGISTRATION JUDITH R. GIBSON
REGISTER OF DEEDS
MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NC
2005 DEC 20 03 17 PM
BK 16785 PG 650-664 FEE \$0.00
INSTRUMENT # 2005253911



Ordinance - Rowland-Clay House

Ordinance designating as a Historic Landmark a property known as the "Rowland-Clay House" (listed under Tax Parcel Number 21504114 as of September 1, 2005, and including the exterior of the house, and the land listed under Tax Parcel Number 21504114 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of September 1, 2005). The property is owned by James Edward Clay and William Franklin Jackson and is located at 606 East Charles Street in 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 joint public hearing held with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission on the 28th day of November, 2005, on the question of designating a property known as the Rowland-Clay House as a historic landmark; and

Return to:
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Land.
2100 Randolph Rd
Charlotte NC 28207

Ordinance

WHEREAS, the Rowland-Clay House is one of only four houses that remain to demonstrate the architecture of Tank Town, a rural community settled by freed slaves in the 1860's; and

WHEREAS, the Rowland-Clay House is a rare example of a vernacular brick Craftsman-style house; and

WHEREAS, the Rowland-Clay House is an important remnant of a rural community, and way of life, that no longer exists in Mecklenburg County, and is therefore a valuable reminder of early 20th century rural life in Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the Rowland-Clay House is owned by James Edward Clay and William Franklin Jackson.

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 "Rowland-Clay House" (listed under Tax Parcel Number 21504114 as of September 1, 2005, and including the exterior of the house, and the land listed under Tax Parcel Number 21504114 in the Mecklenburg, County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of September 1, 2005) is hereby designated as a 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 606 East Charles Street in Matthews, North Carolina. Features of the property are more completely described in the *Survey and Research Report on the Rowland-Clay House (2005)*.

Ordinance

2. That said interior and exterior are more specifically defined as the historic and structural fabric, especially including all original 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*

Ordinance

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 a 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 Rowland-Clay 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 the property which is designated as a 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 28th day of November, 2005, 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:

Town Attorney





JUDITH A. GIBSON
REGISTER OF DEEDS, MECKLENBURG
COUNTY & COURTS OFFICE BUILDING
720 EAST FOURTH STREET
CHARLOTTE, NC 28202

PLEASE RETAIN YELLOW TRAILER PAGE

It is part of the recorded document, and must be submitted with original for re-recording
and/or cancellation.

.....

Filed For Registration: 12/20/2005 03:17 PM
Book: RE 19785 **Page:** 660-664
Document No.: 2005253911
ORD 5 PGS
Recorder: GRACE TUCKER



2005253911