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ORDINANCE NO. 4001-Z

Ordinance – Second Ward High School Gymnasium

**Ordinance designating as a Historic Landmark a property known as the “Second Ward High School Gymnasium” (listed under Tax Parcel Number 12507126 including the interior and exterior of the gymnasium building and approximately 1.4 acres of land that contain and surround the building as shown in “Exhibit A” and listed under Tax Parcel Number 12507126 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of May 1, 2008). The property is owned by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education, and is located at 700 E Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in the City of 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 16th day of June, 2008, on the question of designating a property known as the Second Ward High School Gymnasium as a 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 9th day of June, 2008, on the question of designating a property known as the Second Ward High School Gymnasium as a historic landmark; and

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Charlotte Mecklenburg  
Historic Landmarks Com.  
2100 Randolph Road  
Charlotte, NC 28207

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WHEREAS, the Second Ward High School Gymnasium is the only surviving building from the campus of Second Ward High School, the first public high school for blacks in Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, the Second Ward High School was the locale for sporting and non-sporting events that contributed mightily to the cultural milieu of Second Ward High School; and

WHEREAS, the Second Ward High School was designed by A. G. Odell, Jr., Charlotte's principal proponent and practitioner of Modernist style architecture in Charlotte in the mid-twentieth century; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the property known as the Second Ward High School Gymnasium possesses special significance in terms of its history, and/or cultural importance; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the Second Ward High School Gymnasium is owned by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education.

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

1. That the property known as the "Second Ward High School Gymnasium" (listed under Tax Parcel Number 12507126 including the interior and exterior of the gymnasium building and approximately 1.4 acres of land that contain and surround the building as shown in "Exhibit A" and listed under Tax Parcel Number 12507126 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of May 1, 2008) is hereby

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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 700 E Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Features of the property are more completely described in the “Survey and Research Report on the Second Ward High School Gymnasium” (2008).

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

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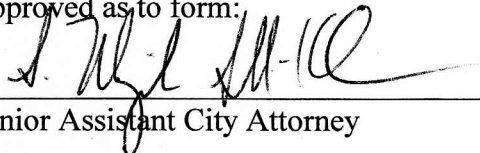
shall be construed to prevent the owner of the historic landmark from making any use of the historic landmark not prohibited by other statutes, ordinances or regulations. Owners of locally designated historic landmarks are expected to be familiar with and to follow *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards 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 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 "Second Ward High School Gymnasium" 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 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.

Approved as to form:

  
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Senior Assistant City Attorney

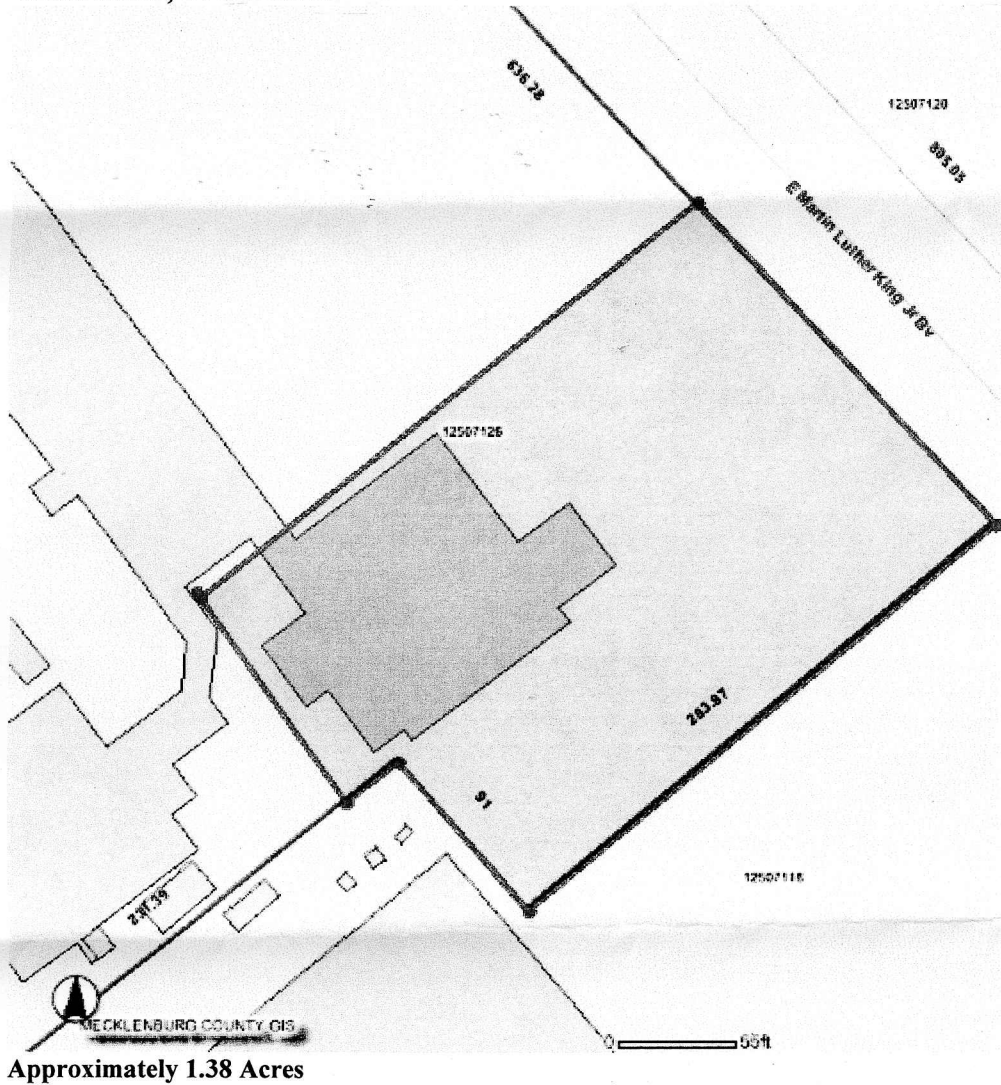


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EXHIBIT A

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**700 E. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Charlotte, NC 28202**



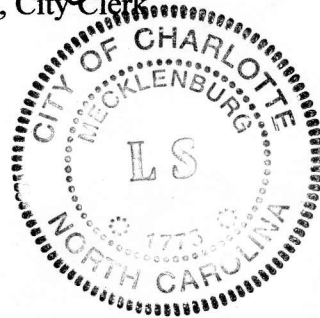
**CERTIFICATION**

I, Brenda R. Freeze, 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008, the reference having been made in Minute Book 127, and recorded in full in Ordinance Book 55, Pages (738-743).

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

*Brenda R. Freeze*

Brenda R. Freeze, CMC, City Clerk







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