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AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING AS HISTORIC LANDMARK A PROPERTY KNOWN AS "STEELE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND CEMETERY" (THE PORTION THEREOF LISTED UNDER TAX PARCEL NUMBER 141-041-09 CONSISTING OF 37.575 ACRES) AND THE FOLLOWING STRUCTURE LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPERTY: BOTH THE EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR OF THE ONE-STORY "ca. 1889 STEELE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND CEMETERY." THE PARCEL OF LAND IS LISTED UNDER TAX PARCEL NUMBER 141-041-09 IN THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY TAX OFFICE, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA. THE PROPERTY, OWNED BY STEELE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, IS LOCATED AT 7407 STEELE CREEK ROAD, CHARLOTTE, MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA 28210.

WHEREAS, all of the prerequisites to 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 Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, has taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at a joint public hearing held with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission on the 15th day of April, 1991, on the question of designating a property known as the "Steele Creek Presbyterian Church and Cemetery" (the portion thereof listed under tax parcel number 141-041-09 consisting of 37.575 acres) and including the "ca. 1889 Steele Creek Presbyterian Church and Cemetery" as historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the "Steele Creek Presbyterian Church and Cemetery" boundaries were organized by the Presbyterian Synod of New York and Philadelphia in 1764; and

WHEREAS, "Steele Creek Presbyterian Church" was one of the first seven churches established in Mecklenburg County by Scotch-Irish settlers; and

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WHEREAS, the boundaries of the present "Steele Creek Presbyterian Cemetery" encompass the sites of the first three meeting houses dating from the middle to late 18th Century; and

WHEREAS, the "ca. 1889 Steele Creek Presbyterian Church" sanctuary is architecturally significant as a fine example of the Gothic Revival Style; and

WHEREAS, the "Steele Creek Presbyterian Cemetery" contains basically intact headstones dating from 1763 to the present; and

WHEREAS, the headstones of the "Steele Creek Presbyterian Cemetery" demonstrate the excellence and variety of designs carved locally in the Bigham workshop; and

WHEREAS, the "Steele Creek Presbyterian Church and Cemetery" are an excellent example of the role of the church in early Scotch-Irish rural communities; and

WHEREAS, the current owner, Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, has faithfully maintained the "Steele Creek Presbyterian Church and Cemetery" (the portion thereof listed under tax parcel number 141-041-09 consisting of 37.575 acres) and including the "ca. 1889 Steele Creek Presbyterian Church and Cemetery" and has thereby made a substantial contribution to the cultural richness of Charlotte-Mecklenburg; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the property, known as the "Steele Creek Presbyterian Church and Cemetery" (the portion thereof listed under tax parcel number 141-041-09 consisting of 37.575 acres), possesses structures having integrity of design, setting, workmanship, materials, and/or association; and

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WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the property known as the "Steele Creek Presbyterian Church and Cemetery" (the portion thereof listed under tax parcel number 141-041-09 consisting of 37.575 acres) and including the "ca. 1889 Steele Creek Presbyterian Church and Cemetery" possesses special significance in terms of its history, architecture, and/or cultural importance; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has jurisdiction over the interior of the "ca. 1889 Steele Creek Presbyterian Church and Cemetery" because written consent for interior design review has been given by the owner, Steele Creek Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the "Steele Creek Presbyterian Church and Cemetery" (the portion thereof listed under tax parcel number 141-041-09 consisting of 37.575 acres) and including the "ca. 1889 Steele Creek Presbyterian Church and Cemetery" is owned by Steele Creek Presbyterian Church,

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

1. That the property known as the the "Steele Creek Presbyterian Church and Cemetery" (the portion thereof listed under tax parcel number 141-041-09 consisting of 37.575 acres) and including the exterior and the interior of the "ca. 1889 Steele Creek Presbyterian Church and Cemetery"; and the parcel of land listed under Tax Parcel Number 141-041-09 is hereby designated as an historic landmark pursuant to Chapter 160A, Article 19, as amended,

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of the General Statutes of North Carolina. For purposes of description only, the location of said property is noted as being situated at 7407 Steele Creek Road, Charlotte, in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina 28210, and is recorded on Tax Parcel Number 141-041-09 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office.

2. That said designated property 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.

3. That nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prevent or delay the 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 owner from making any use of this landmark not prohibited by other statutes, ordinances, or regulations.

4. 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

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be placed on said landmark.

5. That the owners and occupants of the landmark known as the "Steele Creek Presbyterian Church and Cemetery" (the portion thereof listed under tax parcel number 141-041-09 consisting of 37.575 acres) 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 County Clerk, Building Standards Department, Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds, and the Tax Supervisor, as required by applicable law.

6. 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 15th day of April 1991 by the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County.

Garnice Sturge
Clerk to the Board

Approved as to form:

William L. Spivey
County Attorney

