Ordinance NO. 1703-X

Ordinance designating as a Historic Landmark a property known as the "Thies House" (listed under Tax Parcel Number 155-044-06-001 as of August 15, 2000, and including the entire exterior of the house). The property is owned by Frank R. Thies & Thies Mortgage Co. and is located at 600 Ardsley Road in the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, 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 joint public hearing held with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission on the 18th day of December, 2000, on the question of designating a property known as the Thies House as a historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Thies House, erected in 1898 and renovated in 1918-19, is one of the oldest homes in what is now the prestigious Myers Park neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the Thies House, situated near the intersection of Providence Road and Ardsley Road, makes a significant contribution to the integrity of the Myers Park townscape; and

WHEREAS, members of the Thies family have made important contributions to the economic, social, and cultural development of Charlotte and its environs; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the property known as Thies House possesses special significance in terms of its history, architecture, and/or cultural importance; and
WHEREAS, the property known as the Thies House is owned by Frank R. Thies &
Thies Realty & Mortgage.

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

1. That the property known as the "Thies House" (including the entire exterior of the
house listed under Tax Parcel Number 155-044-06-001 in the Mecklenburg County Tax
Office, Charlotte, North Carolina, as of August 15, 2000) 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
600 Ardsley Road in the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.
Exterior features are more completely described in the Survey and Research Report on
the Thies House (September 1, 1998).

2. That said exterior is more specifically defined as the historic and structural fabric,
especially including all original exterior architectural features.

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 this 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 Thies 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 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.

Adopted the 18th day of December, 2000, by the members of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

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Clerk to City Council
Deputy Clerk, Nancy S. Gilbert, CMC
Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I, Nancy S. Gilbert, Deputy 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 18th day of December, 2000, the reference having been made in Minute Book 115, and recorded in full in Ordinance Book 50, Page(s) 729-732.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 27th day of December, 2000.

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Nancy S. Gilbert, CMC, Deputy City Clerk