

ORDINANCE NO. 503-X

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A BUILDING KNOWN AS "THE THOMPSON ORPHANAGE CHAPEL" LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF KINGS DRIVE AND FOURTH STREET IN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AS HISTORIC PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, all of the prerequisites to the adoption of this ordinance prescribed in Part 3B, Article 19, Chapter 160A of the General Statutes of North Carolina have been met; and

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WHEREAS, the City Council has taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at the joint public hearing held with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission on the 13th day of January, 1975, question of designating a structure known as the Thompson Orphanage Chapel as historic property; and

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WHEREAS, the Chapel, which was constructed in the early 1890's, is the oldest remaining structure of the Thompson Orphanage and Training Institute, one of the oldest such institutions in the State. Its design clearly reflects the late Victorian influence present in similar structures of this period. Although presently closed, the structure is in excellent condition both internally and externally.

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

1. That the structure known as the Thompson Orphanage Chapel, otherwise known as the Memorial Chapel of St. Mary The Virgin, located in the southwest corner of the intersection formed by Kings Drive and Fourth Street within the City of Charlotte is hereby designated as historic property

pursuant to Part 3B, Article 19, Chapter 160A of the General Statutes of North Carolina. For purposes of description only the location of said structure is noted as being situated in the northeast corner of a tract of property, the general eastern boundary of said tract being formed by a portion of Kings Drive, the general southern boundary by Third Street, the general western boundary by Sugar Creek and the general northern boundary by Fourth Street, being a portion of the property conveyed by B.S. Bronson and wife, Alice Bronson, in a deed recorded and filed in the Office of the Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds in Deed Book 57 at page 243 also being a portion of the property conveyed by Benjamin Morrow and wife, Mary G. Morrow in a deed recorded and filed in the Office of the Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds in Deed Book 6 at page 54.

2. That said structure may not be demolished, materially altered, remodeled or removed until ninety (90) days' written notice of the owner's proposed action has been given to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission.
3. That nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prevent the ordinary maintenance or repair of any exterior architectural feature in or on the Chapel that does not involve a change in design, material, or outer appearance thereof, nor to prevent the construction, reconstruction, alteration, restoration, demolition or removal of any such feature when a building inspector or similar official certifies to the

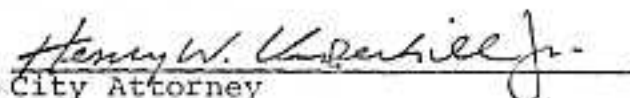
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commission that such action is required for the public safety because of an unsafe condition. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the property owner from making any use of this property not prohibited by other statutes, ordinances, or regulations.

4. That a suitable sign shall be posted indicating the structure's designation as historic property and containing any other appropriate information. If the owner consents, the sign shall be placed upon the Chapel. If the owner objects, the sign shall be placed on a nearby public right of way.

5. That the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, the owner of the Chapel, be given the 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, Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds, Building Inspection Department and Tax Supervisor as required by applicable law.

Approved as to form:

  
City Attorney

Read, approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened on the 13th day of January, 1975, the reference having been made in Minute Book 61, and recorded in full in Ordinance Book 21, beginning on Page 399.

Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, 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 13th day of January, 1975, and the reference having been made in Minute Book 61, and recorded in full in Ordinance Book 21, at Page 399.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 20th day of January, 1975.



*Ruth Armstrong*  
Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk

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