

INSTRUMENT # 2008195710



**Ordinance designating as a Historic Landmark a property known as the “Unity Church Cabin/Lingle Hut” (listed under Tax Parcel Number 00325411 and including the interior and exterior of the building and the land between the façade of the building and the right of way of Watson Street as listed under Tax Parcel Number 00325411 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of November 1, 2008) The property is owned by the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and Reeves Temple A.M.E. Zion Church and is located at 219 Watson Street in Davidson, North Carolina.**

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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 Town Board of Davidson, North Carolina, have taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at a public hearing held on the \_\_\_ day of December, 2008, on the question of designating a property known as the Unity Church Cabin/Lingle Hut 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 8th day of December, 2008, on the question of designating a property known as the Unity Church Cabin/Lingle Hut as a historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Unity Church Cabin/Lingle Hut is significant as a well preserved example of a depression era communally built Rustic Revival log building; and

WHEREAS, the Unity Church Cabin/Lingle Hut is the best preserved building associated with the Unity Church/Calvary Presbyterian Church; and

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WHEREAS, the Unity Church Cabin/Lingle Hut represents the social history of the Town of Davidson during the Great Depression, and is one of the few building in Mecklenburg County to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the property known as Unity Church Cabin/Lingle Hut possesses special significance in terms of its history, architecture, and/or cultural importance; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the Unity Church Cabin/Lingle Hut is owned by the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and Reeves Temple A.M.E. Zion Church.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the members of the Town Board of Davidson, North Carolina:

1. That the property known as the “Unity Church Cabin/Lingle Hut” (listed under Tax Parcel Number 00325411 and including the interior and exterior of the building and the land between the façade of the building and the right of way of Watson Street as listed under Tax Parcel Number 00325411 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of November 1, 2008) 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 219 Watson Street in Davidson, North Carolina. Exterior and interior features are more completely described in the *Survey and Research Report on the Unity Church Cabin/Lingle Hut and Store (2007)*.

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 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*

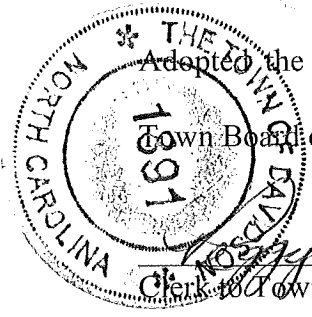
*Rehabilitating Historic Buildings*, the guidelines used by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission to evaluate proposed alterations or additions.

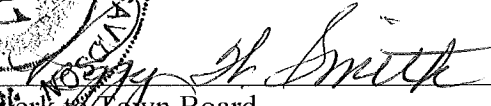
5. That a suitable sign may be posted indicating that said property has been designated as a historic landmark and containing any other appropriate information. If the owner consents, the sign may be placed on said historic landmark.

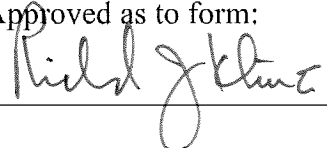
6. That the owners of the historic landmark known as the Unity Church Cabin/Lingle Hut be given notice of this ordinance as required by applicable law and that copies of this ordinance be filed and indexed in the offices of the Town Clerk, Building Standards Department, Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds, and the Tax Supervisor, as required by applicable law.

7. That 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 9th day of December, 2008, by the members of the Town Board of Davidson, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.



  
Clerk to Town Board

Approved as to form:  
  
Town Attorney

*Exhibit IX (a)*

**Unity Church Cabin/Lingle Hut  
219 Watson Street**



**Built in 1932, the Unity Church Cabin/Lingle Hut is significant as a well preserved example of a depression-era communally built Rustic Revival log building. The building is important as the best preserved historic building associated with the Unity Church. Additionally, the Unity Church Cabin/Lingle Hut is one of the rare examples in Mecklenburg County of a building that represents a rural community's response to the Great Depression. The Unity Church Cabin/Lingle Hut has been an important part of the history of the Reeves Temple A.M.E. Zion Church. It is an important reminder of the close relationship between the prominent Lingle family and the Reeves Temple A.M.E. Zion Church and the earlier Unity Church.**

**For the full report, please use the following link:**

**<http://landmarkscommission.org/surveys&rLingle%20Hut.htm>**



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