

ORDINANCE NO. 126-X

**Ordinance designating as a Historic Landmark a property known as the "George Pierce Wadsworth House" (listed under Tax Parcel Number 071-024-11 and including the entire exterior and the entire interior of the main house, the entire exterior and the entire interior of the servants' quarters/carriage house, all being within the boundaries of said tax parcel). The parcel of land to be designated is the entire parcel of land listed under Tax Parcel Number 071-024-11 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina. The property is owned by McClure Properties Inc., a North Carolina corporation, and is located at 400 South Summit Avenue 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 19th day of September, 1994, on the question of designating a property known as the George Pierce Wadsworth House as a historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the George Pierce Wadsworth House was designed in 1910 by prominent North Carolina architect Louis H. Asbury; and

WHEREAS, the George Pierce Wadsworth House is one of the earliest houses in the westside streetcar suburb of Wesley Heights; and

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WHEREAS, the George Pierce Wadsworth House was the home of an important local businessman, whose enterprises illustrate the economic activities of the city during the early twentieth century; and

WHEREAS, the George Pierce Wadsworth House, and subsequent residential construction in Wesley Heights, illustrate the expansion of the city through the suburban subdivision of surrounding farmsteads; and

WHEREAS, the George Pierce Wadsworth House property contains a servants' carriage house, an increasingly rare building type in the city of Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the property known as George Pierce Wadsworth House possesses special significance in terms of its history, architecture, and/or cultural importance; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has jurisdiction over portions of the property known as the George Pierce Wadsworth House, because consent for interior design review has been given by the Owner; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the George Pierce Wadsworth House is owned by McClure Properties Inc., a North Carolina corporation.

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

1. That the property known as the "George Pierce Wadsworth House" (including the entire exterior and the entire interior of the main house, the entire exterior and the entire interior of the servants' quarters/carriage house, and the entire parcel of land upon which

the above structure are located, listed under Tax Parcel Number 071-024-11) 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 400 South Summit Avenue in the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Interior and exterior features are more completely described in the *Survey and Research Report on the George Pierce Wadsworth House* (20 March 1994).

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

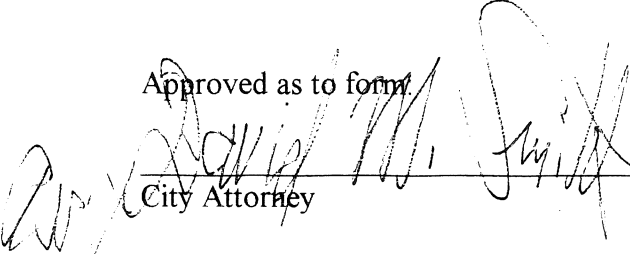
6. That the owners and occupants of the historic landmark known as the George Pierce Wadsworth House be given notice of this ordinance as required by applicable law and that copies of this ordinance be filed and indexed in the offices of the City Clerk, Building Standards Department, Mecklenburg County 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, as amended, and any amendments to it and any amendments hereinafter adopted.

Adopted the 19th day of September, 1994, by the members of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

Clerk to City Council


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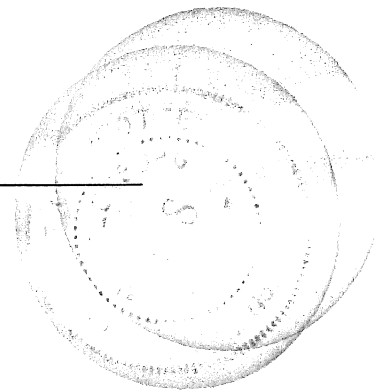
  
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City Attorney

**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 19th day of September, 1994, the reference having been made in Minute Book 106, and recorded in full in Ordinance Book 46, at Page(s) 6-10.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina this the 20th day of September, 1994.

  
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Nancy S. Gilbert, Deputy City Clerk



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