Ordinance – White Oak Plantation

Ordinance designating as a Historic Landmark a property known as the “White Oak Plantation” (listed under Tax Parcel Numbers 11136293 and 11136292 as of August 1, 2006, and including all buildings and the parcels of land listed under Tax Parcel Numbers 11136293 and 11136292 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of August 1, 2006). The property is owned by James and Patricia Munro and is located along Hood Road in 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 ___ day of __________________ , 2006, on the question of designating a property known as the White Oak Plantation as a historic landmark; and

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WHEREAS, this property was historically associated with the plantation and currently contributes greatly to the rural setting of the White Oak Plantation; and

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

WHEREAS, the property known as the White Oak Plantation is owned by James and Patricia Munro.

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

1. That the property known as the “White Oak Plantation” (listed under Tax Parcel Numbers 11136293 and 11136292 as of August 1, 2006, and including all buildings and the parcels of land listed under Tax Parcel Numbers 11136293 and 11136292 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of August 1, 2006) 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 along Hood Road in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Features of the property are more completely described in the Survey and Research Report on White Oak (1976).

2. That said designated historic landmark may be materially altered or restored 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
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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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. That the owners of the historic landmark known as the White Oak Plantation 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
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Department, Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds, and the Tax Supervisor, as required by applicable law.

6. 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 _____ day of ______________________, 2006, by the members of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

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Clerk to City Council

Approved as to form:

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Assistant City Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I, Stephanie C. Kelly, 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 October, 2006, the reference having been made in Minute Books and recorded in full in Ordinance Book 54, Page(s) 501-504.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 20th day of October, 2006.