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ORDINANCE 4210-Z

Ordinance – Charlotte ‘New Look’ General Motors Bus No. 1074

Ordinance designating as a Historic Landmark a property known as the “Charlotte ‘New Look’ General Motors Bus No. 1074” as a Historic Landmark. The property, owned by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission, is a piece of movable equipment currently housed in the Charlotte Area Transit System South Tryon Bus Facility, Charlotte, 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 public hearing held on the 15th day of June, 2009, on the question of designating a property known as the Charlotte ‘New Look’ General Motors Bus No. 1074 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 June, 2009, on the question of designating a property known as the Charlotte ‘New Look’ General Motors Bus No. 1074 as a historic landmark; and

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Charlotte Mecklenburg
Historic Landmarks Com.
2100 Randolph Road
Charlotte, NC 28207

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WHEREAS, the Charlotte 'New Look' General Motors Bus No. 1074 is an important reminder of the role of public transit in the emergence of Charlotte as a regional industrial, commercial, banking, and distribution center of the two Carolinas; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte 'New Look' General Motors Bus No. 1074 is the best-preserved Charlotte "New Look" General Motors Bus, which operated on the streets of Charlotte from 1959-60 until 1992; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte 'New Look' General Motors Bus No. 1074 hearkens back to the moment when Modernist design was first introduced into Charlotte's transit fleet; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte 'New Look' General Motors Bus No. 1074 is representative of the type of bus that arrived in Charlotte in the early 1960s when the community was experiencing profound social change; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the property known as the Charlotte 'New Look' General Motors Bus No. 1074 possesses special significance in terms of its history, and/or cultural importance; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the Charlotte 'New Look' General Motors Bus No. 1074 is owned by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission.

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

1. That the property known as the "Charlotte 'New Look' General Motors Bus No. 1074" is hereby designated as a historic landmark pursuant to Chapter 160A, Article 19, as amended, of the General Statutes of North Carolina. The said landmark is currently housed in the Charlotte Area Transit System South Tryon Bus Facility, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Features of the property are more completely described in the "Survey and Research Report on the Charlotte 'New Look' General Motors Bus No. 1074" (2008).

2. 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 Department of Cultural Resources. 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 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

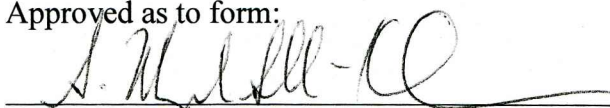
the historic landmark not prohibited by other statutes, ordinances or regulations. Owners of locally designated historic landmarks are expected to be familiar with and to follow *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings*, the guidelines 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 "Charlotte 'New Look' General Motors Bus No. 1074" 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.

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.

Approved as to form:


Senior Assistant City Attorney

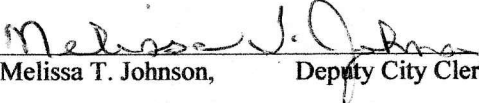
July 20, 2009

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CERTIFICATION

I, Melissa T. Johnson, 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 20th day of July , 2009, the reference having been made in Minute Book 128, and recorded in full in Ordinance Book 56, Pages (244-248).

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 27th day of July, 2009.


Melissa T. Johnson, Deputy City Clerk



Approved by City Council

Melissa T. Johnson

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Approved 7-20-09

HISTORIC LANDMARKS

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| | 2. Decision on the adoption of an ordinance designating the equipment known as "Charlotte "New Look Bus No." 1074" as a Historic Landmark. |
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Attachment 2



J. DAVID GRANBERRY
REGISTER OF DEEDS, MECKLENBURG
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