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Ordinance – Star of St. Matthews Lodge #566

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Ordinance designating as an Historic Landmark a property known as the “Star of St. Matthews Lodge #566” (listed under Tax Parcel Number 21504201, including the exterior of the lodge building and the land listed under Tax Parcel Number 21504201 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of October 1, 2017) The property is owned by Mason Lodge #566, and is located at 124 Morris Road, Matthews, 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 Board of Commissioners of the Town of Matthews, North Carolina, have taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at a public hearing held on the 23rd day of October, 2017, on the question of designating a property known as the Star of St. Matthews Lodge #566 as an 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 9th day of October, 2017, on the question of designating a property known as the Star of St. Matthews Lodge #566 as an historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Star of St. Matthews Lodge #566 is an important artifact in understanding Prince Hall freemasonry in Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the Star of St. Matthews Lodge #566 is an important element of the historic built environment of the African-American community in Matthews during the Jim Crow Era; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the Star of St. Matthews Lodge #566 is owned by Masonic Lodge #566.

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

1. That the property known as the “Star of St. Matthews Lodge #566” (listed under Tax Parcel Number 21504201, including the exterior of the lodge building and the land listed under Tax Parcel Number 21504201 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of October 1, 2017), with the exclusion of the first 100 feet of land as measured from the edge of the right-of-way of the adjacent road for the full width of the property adjoining said road, is hereby designated as an 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 124 Morris Road, Matthews, North Carolina. Features of the property are more completely described in the *Survey and Research Report on the Star of St. Matthews Lodge #566 (2016)*.

2. That said exterior is more specifically defined as the historic and structural fabric, including all historic exterior architectural features of the lodge building, 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 an historic landmark and containing any other appropriate information. If the owner consents, the sign may be placed on said historic landmark.

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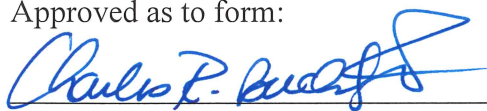
6. That the owners of the historic landmark known as the Star of St. Matthews Lodge #566 be given notice of this ordinance as required by applicable law and that copies of this ordinance be filed and indexed in the offices of the Town Clerk, Building Standards Department, Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds, and the Tax Supervisor, as required by applicable law.

7. That the property which is designated as an 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 23rd day of October, 2017, by the members of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Matthews, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.



Clerk to the Board

Approved as to form:


Town Attorney

