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ORDINANCE NO. 276-X

Ordinance designating as a Historic Landmark a property known as the "Latta Arcade" (listed under Tax Parcel Number 073-021-26 and including the entire exterior and the entire interior of the Latta Arcade building, being within the boundaries of said tax parcel). The parcel of land to be designated is listed under Tax Parcel Number 073-021-26 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina. The property is owned by Crosland-Erwin and Associates/The Crosland Group, Inc. and is located at 316 South Tryon Street, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

WHEREAS, all 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, all 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 17th day of April, 1995, on the question of designating a property known as the Latta Arcade as a historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Latta Arcade was built in 1914 and was designed by an important Charlotte architect, William H. Peeps; and

WHEREAS, the Latta Arcade is associated with Edward Dilworth Latta and his Charlotte Consolidated Construction Company, which was instrumental in the development of early twentieth-century Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, the Latta Arcade reflects the large scale commercial construction program undertaken by Latta during the city's boom years of the early twentieth century; and

WHEREAS, the Latta Arcade is already listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and the interior has been designated as a local historic landmark by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission; and
WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the property known as the Latta Arcade 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 Latta Arcade, because consent for interior design review has been given by the Owner; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the Latta Arcade is owned by the Crosland-Erwin and Associates/The Crosland Group, Inc.

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

1. That the property known as the Latta Arcade (including the entire exterior and the entire interior, and the entire parcel of land upon which it is located, listed under Tax Parcel Number 073-021-26) 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 316 South Tryon Street in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Interior and exterior features are more completely described in the Survey and Research Report on the Latta Arcade (20 July 1994).

2. That said exterior and interior are more specifically defined as the historic and structural fabric, especially including original woodwork, brickwork, stairway, shopfront bays, terra cotta flooring, metal roof trusses, skylight, and other fenestration.

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 this historic landmark not prohibited by other statues, 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 Latta Arcade 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.
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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 17th day of April, 1995 by the members of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

Brenda R. Freeze
Clerk to City Council

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I, Brenda R. Freeze, 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 17th day of April, 1995, the reference having been made in Minute Book 107, and recorded in Book Ordinance Book 46, Page(s) 317-320.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 27th day of April, 1995.

Brenda R. Freeze, City Clerk