

# Polaris 3G Map – Mecklenburg County, North Carolina

## Hooks-McLaughlin

0.38 acres(16508.04 sq ft)

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Stewart Gray  
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Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission  
2100 Randolph Road  
Charlotte, NC 28207

RE: Proposed Designation of the **Hooks-McLaughlin House, 501 West John Street, Matthews, Mecklenburg County**

Dear Mr. Gray:

Thank you for the report we received on the proposed designation of the Hooks-McLaughlin House located at 501 West John Street in Matthews. We have reviewed the report and offer the following comments.

Constructed c.1890, the Hooks-McLaughlin House is one of three extant houses built in Matthews between 1890 and 1910. According to the report, the Hooks-McLaughlin House is of local architectural and historical importance due to its associations with entrepreneur and postmaster, Sidney Hooks; Charles Rhyon McLaughlin, a local merchant who later served as town mayor; and the evolution of the Town's built environment.

We have shared recommendations with staff for changes to the report. Once the report has been revised to include staff's recommendations, the commission and the local governing board will be able to more accurately determine if the Hooks-McLaughlin House possesses the requisite special significance and integrity required for local historic landmark designation.

Landmark designation means the community recognizes the property is worthy of preservation because of its special significance to the local community. Any substantial changes in design, materials, and appearance to the property is subject to the design review procedures of the preservation commission.

If the local governing board wishes to extend the Commission's design review authority to significant features of the interior, the owner must give written consent. Likewise, the designation ordinance must specify the features and describe the nature of the Commission's design review authority over them.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the report. Please note, our comments are advisory only and therefore, nonbinding. Once the governing board has received a recommendation from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission, it should proceed in the same manner as would otherwise be required for an amendment to the zoning ordinance. Once the decision has been made, please return a completed copy of the enclosed form to our office.

This letter serves as our comments on the proposed designation of the Hooks-McLaughlin House. Please contact me at 919-814-6575 should you have any questions about our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amber E. Stimpson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the word "Stimpson".

Amber E. Stimpson  
Local Preservation Commissions / CLG Coordinator

CC: Commission Chair

Enclosure