Ordinance – Hooks-McLaughlin House

Ordinance designating as an Historic Landmark a property known as the “Hooks-McLaughlin House” (listed in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, N.C., as of October 1, 2019 under Tax Parcel Number 21301106 including the exterior of the house and approximately .4 acres of the land shown on the attached map). The property is owned by Toka Properties LLC and is located at 501 West John Street in the Town of 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 28th day of October 2019, on the question of designating a property known as the Hooks-McLaughlin House 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 14th day of October 2019, on the question of designating a property known as the Hooks-McLaughlin House as an historic landmark; and
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WHEREAS, the Hooks-McLaughlin House was the home of Charles R. McLaughlin from 1907 until 1952. McLaughlin was the Mayor of Matthews from 1929 until 1941, a period of significant growth in Matthews. McLaughlin was also a prominent businessman in Matthews and its environs; and

WHEREAS, the Hooks-McLaughlin House retains a high degree of physical integrity; and

WHEREAS, erected sometime between 1883 and 1894, the Hooks-McLaughlin House is one of three extant Victorian style homes in Matthews; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the Hooks-McLaughlin House is owned by Toka Properties LLC.

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 “Hooks-McLaughlin House” (listed in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, N.C., as of October 1, 2019 under Tax Parcel Number 21301106 including the exterior of the house and approximately .4 acres of the land shown on the attached map) is hereby designated as an historic landmark pursuant to Chapter 160A, Article 19, as amended, of the General Statutes of North Carolina. The property is located at 501 West John Street, Matthews, N.C. Features of the property are more completely described in the Survey and Research Report on the Hooks-McLaughlin House (2018).

2. That said exterior is more specifically defined as the historic and structural fabric, including all historic exterior architectural features of the house.

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.

6. That the owners of the historic landmark known as the Hooks-McLaughlin House 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
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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 11th day of November, 2019, by the members of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Matthews, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

[Signature]
Clerk to the Board

Approved as to form:

[Signature]
Town Attorney
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
MECKLENBURG COUNTY  

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION  

I, Lori Canapinno, Town Clerk of the Town of Matthews, North Carolina, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and accurate copy of Ordinance number 2454, designating as an Historic Landmark the property known as the "Hooks-McLaughlin House" as described within the ordinance, which was adopted at a meeting of the Town of Matthews governing body on the 11th day of November, 2019.  

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official Seal of the Town of Matthews, this the 12th day of November 2019.  

Lori Canapinno, Town Clerk
This map or report is prepared for the inventory of real property within Mecklenburg County and is compiled from recorded deeds, plats, tax maps, surveys, planimetric maps, and other public records and data. Users of this map or report are hereby notified that the aforementioned public primary information sources should be consulted for verification. Mecklenburg County and its mapping contractors assume no legal responsibility for the information contained herein.