
WHEREAS, all of the prerequisites to the adoption of this ordinance prescribed in Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 3B, as amended, of the General Statutes of North Carolina have been met; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Charlotte, North Carolina, has taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at a joint public hearing held with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission on the 15th day of August, 1988, on the question of designating a property known as the "Old Holy Comforter Episcopal Church" as historic property; and

WHEREAS, the "Old Holy Comforter Episcopal Church", erected between 1908 and 1912, is the only known local building designed by Charles Coolidge Haight (1841-1917), an influential and significant architect; and

WHEREAS, the "Old Holy Comforter Episcopal Church" is only one of two early twentieth-century church buildings that survive in the South Boulevard district of Dilworth, Charlotte's first streetcar suburb; and

WHEREAS, the "Old Holy Comforter Episcopal Church" is the
former home of a Christian congregation which continues to play an important role in the religious life of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission has demonstrated that the property-known as the "Old Holy Comforter Episcopal Church" possesses integrity of design, setting, workmanship, materials, and/or association; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission has demonstrated that the property known as the "Old Holy Comforter Episcopal Church" possesses special significance in terms of its history, architecture, and/or cultural importance; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the "Old Holy Comforter Episcopal Church" is vested in fee simple to Duke Power Company.

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

1. That the property known as the "Old Holy Comforter Episcopal Church" (the exterior and the interior of the building, and the entire tract of land recorded under Tax Parcel Number 123-041-23) is hereby designated as historic property pursuant to Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 3B, as amended, of the General Statutes of North Carolina. For purposes of description only, the location of said property is noted as being situated at 1510 South Boulevard, Charlotte, North
Carolina, and recorded on Tax Parcel Number 123-041-23 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office.

2. That said designated property may be materially altered, restored, moved or demolished only following the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission. An application for a Certificate of Appropriateness authorizing the demolition of said property may not be denied. However, the effective date of such a Certificate may be delayed in accordance with Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 3B, and amendments thereto, and hereinafter adopted.

3. That nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prevent or delay the ordinary maintenance or repair of any architectural feature in or on said property that does not involve a change of design, material, or outer appearance thereof, nor to prevent or delay the making of emergency repairs, 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 property owner from making any use of this property not prohibited by other statutes, ordinances, or regulations.
4. That a suitable sign may be posted indicating that said property has been designated as historic property and containing any other appropriate information. If the owner consents, the sign may be placed on said property.

5. That the owners and occupants of the property known as the "Old Holy Comforter Episcopal Church" 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 historic property shall be subject to Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 3B, and any amendments to it and any amendments hereinafter adopted.

Approved as to form:

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Henry W. Chambers
CITY ATTORNEY