

ORDINANCE NO. 3234

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING AS AN HISTORIC LANDMARK THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE "MURKLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH" TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: BOTH INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDING AND THE PORTION OF TAX PARCEL NUMBER 211-021-01 UPON WHICH MURKLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS LOCATED. THE PROPERTY, OWNED BY THE MATTHEWS-MURKLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, IS LOCATED AT 7001 OLD PROVIDENCE ROAD, CHARLOTTE, MECKLENBURG COUNTY, N.C.

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 City Council of the City 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 30th day of September, 1991, on the question of designating a property known as the "Murkland Presbyterian Church" as a historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the "Murkland Presbyterian Church" was founded by ex-slaves and freedmen who left the Providence Presbyterian Church about 1866; and

WHEREAS, the "Murkland Presbyterian Church" was named for its first pastor, Rev. Sidney Murkland; and

WHEREAS, the "Murkland Presbyterian Church" was constructed about 1912; and

WHEREAS, the "Murkland Presbyterian Church" is an architecturally significant as an early 20th century vernacular interpretation of the carpenter Gothic style; and

WHEREAS, the two entry towers of the west facade of the "Murkland Presbyterian Church" serve as focal points of the Old Providence Road landmark; and

WHEREAS, the "Murkland Presbyterian Church" has interior details such as the curved ceiling which are examples of a high level of local craftsmanship; and

WHEREAS, the "Murkland Presbyterian Church" is a visual reminder of the varied contributions made by all aspects of religious life to the Afro-American community of Mecklenburg County; and

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WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has jurisdiction over the interior because written consent for interior review has been given by the owners; and

WHEREAS, the current owner, the Matthews-Murkland Presbyterian Church, has faithfully maintained the "Murkland Presbyterian Church" and has thereby made a substantial contribution to the cultural richness of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the property known as the "Murkland Presbyterian Church" possesses a structure having integrity of design, setting, workmanship, materials, and/or association; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the property known as the "Murkland Presbyterian Church" possesses special significance in terms of its history, architecture, and/or cultural importance; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the "Murkland Presbyterian Church" is owned by the Matthews-Murkland Presbyterian Church,

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

1. That the property known as the "Murkland Presbyterian Church" (including the interior and exterior of the building and the portion of the tax parcel of land upon which it is located listed under Tax Parcel 211-021-01) are hereby designated as 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 7001 Old Providence Road, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

For purposes of description only, the location of Murkland Presbyterian Church is noted as being a portion of the property of the Matthews-Murkland Presbyterian Church as

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shown as Tax Parcel 211-021-01, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the western property line of Tax Parcel 211-021-01 at the northern margin of Old Providence Road and following the western property line for approximately 315 feet to the northern property line; then following the northern property line of Tax Parcel 211-021-01 to the east for 319.69 feet; then going south approximately 380 feet on an imaginary line drawn parallel to and 100 feet east of the easternmost side wall of the Murkland Presbyterian Church building to the margin of Old Providence Road; then going west along the northern margin of Old Providence Road for a distance of approximately 420 feet to the point of beginning at Old Providence Road and the western property line of Tax Parcel 211-021-01, containing an area of approximately 3 acres.

2. That said designated landmark may be materially altered, restored, moved or demolished only following the 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. However, the effective date of such a Certificate may be delayed in accordance with Chapter 160A, Article 19, and amendments thereto, and hereinafter adopted.

3. That 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 of 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 landmark owners from making any use of this landmark 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 landmark and containing any other appropriate information. If

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the owner consents, the sign may be placed on said landmark.

5. That the owners and occupants of the landmark known as the "Murkland Presbyterian 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.

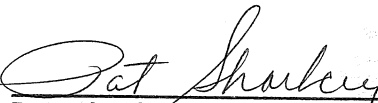
6. That which is designated as historic landmark shall be subject to Chapter 160A, Article 19, and any amendments to it and any amendments hereinafter adopted.

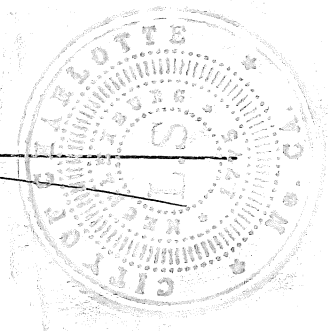
Adopted the 30th day of September 1991 by the Members of City Council of the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

CERTIFICATION

I, Pat Sharkey, 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 30th, day of September, 1991, the reference having been made in Minute Book 99, and recorded in full in Ordinance Book 40, at Page(s) 261-264.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 23rd day of October, 1991.

  
Pat Sharkey, City Clerk



Approved as to form:



City Attorney



## Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission

### PERMISSION OF OWNER FOR INTERIOR DESIGN REVIEW

Connie Harrison, Trustee  
I, John McMillan, clerk, owner of record, hereby  
give permission to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic  
Landmarks Commission to exercise design review over all  
interior portions of the building of the historic landmark  
known as the

Murkland Presbyterian Church (former),  
7001 Old Providence Road, Charlotte, North Carolina

Signature: Connie Harrison  
John W. McMillan  
(Owner)

Name (Print): Connie Harrison  
John W. McMillan

Date: 2/24/91

Please return to:  
Historic Landmarks Comm.  
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Box 9  
Charlotte, NC 28203