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Ordinance – Alexander-Howell House

**Ordinance designating as a Historic Landmark a property known as the “Alexander-Howell House” (listed under Tax Parcel Number 15506261 and including the interior and exterior of the main house and the land listed under Tax Parcel Number 15506261 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of May 1, 2024) as an Historic Landmark. The property is located at 250 Cherokee Road in Charlotte, North Carolina, and is owned by Peter A. Larkin, Jr. and Ashley Scott Larkin.**

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WHEREAS, all of the prerequisites to the adoption of this ordinance prescribed in Chapter 160D, Article 9, as amended, of the General Statutes of North Carolina have been met; and

WHEREAS, the members of the City Council of Charlotte, North Carolina, have taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at a public hearing held on the 26th day of August, 2024, on the question of designating a property known as the Alexander-Howell House as a 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 12th day of August, 2024, on the question of designating a property known as the Alexander-Howell House as a historic landmark; and

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WHEREAS, the Alexander-Howell House is architecturally significant for its design by the highly regarded Charlotte architect Franklin Gordon, who designed such notable Charlotte buildings as Chalmers A.R.P. Church, Mercy Hospital, and the Carnegie Library at Johnson C. Smith University and who was known particularly for his Tudor Revival and Colonial Revival style residences; and

WHEREAS, the Colonial Revival styled Alexander-Howell House, one of the first residences constructed in the Eastover neighborhood, Charlotte's first autocentric development, is an exceptional representation of the large residences constructed for Charlotte's business and civic leaders in the early twentieth century; and

WHEREAS, the Alexander-Howell House was the family home of the father-daughter duo of Sydenham Brevard Alexander, Jr., and Mary Brevard Alexander Howell, descendants of John McKnitt Alexander; and

WHEREAS, Sydenham Brevard Alexander, Jr. was a noted businessman in the early 1900s and widely regarded as an expert within the textile industry; and

WHEREAS, his only child Mary Brevard Alexander Howell was equally notable in Charlotte's social and philanthropic community, with service and accomplishments including holding national offices for the Junior League in the 1930s, supporting the establishment and long-term feasibility of the Mint Museum of Art, and serving on the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library board of trustees for three decades; and

WHEREAS, the land upon which the Alexander-Howell House is situated appropriately reflects and preserves the historic location and setting of the structure, and therefore possesses its own special historical significance independent of the structure; and

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WHEREAS, based on the additional information further detailed in the *Landmark Designation Report for the Alexander-Howell House* (March 2024), all of which is incorporated herein by reference, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the property known as the Alexander-Howell House 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 Alexander-Howell House, because consent for interior design review of the building has been given by the owner(s), a copy of which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the Alexander-Howell House is owned by Peter A. Larkin, Jr. and Ashley Scott Larkin.

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

1. That the property known as the “Alexander-Howell House” (listed under Tax Parcel Number 15506261 and including the interior and exterior of the main house and the land listed under Tax Parcel Number 15506261 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of May 1, 2024) is hereby designated as a historic landmark pursuant to Chapter 160D, Article 9, as amended, of the General Statutes of North Carolina. The location of said landmark is noted as being situated at 250 Cherokee Road in Charlotte, North Carolina. Interior and exterior features are more completely described in the *Landmark Designation Report for the Alexander-Howell House* (March 2024).



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2. That said interior and exterior are more specifically defined as the historic and structural fabric, especially including all original interior architectural features, all original exterior architectural features, and the contours of landscaping.

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 160D, Article 9, of the General Statutes of North Carolina as amended.

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.

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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.

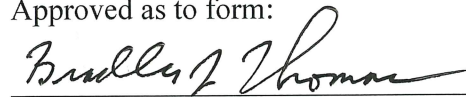
6. That the owner of the historic landmark known as the Alexander-Howell House be given notice of this ordinance as required by applicable law and that copies of this ordinance be filed and indexed in the offices of the City Clerk, Building Standards Department, Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds, and the Tax Supervisor, as required by applicable law.

7. That which is designated as a historic landmark shall be subject to Chapter 160D, Article 9, of the General Statutes of North Carolina as amended, and any amendments to it and any amendments hereinafter adopted.

Adopted the 26th day of August, 2024, by the members of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

  
Clerk to City Council

Approved as to form:

  
Senior Assistant City Attorney

Attachment: Executed Permission of Owners Peter A. Larkin, Jr. and Ashley Scott Larkin for Interior Design Review, dated March 20, 2024.

August 26, 2024

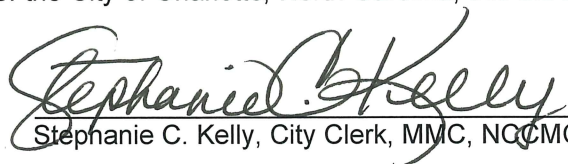
Ordinance Book 67, Page 297    Ordinance No. 831-X

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Stephanie C. Kelly, 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024, the reference having been made in Minute Book 159, and recorded in full in Ordinance Book 67, Page(s) 292-298.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.



  
Stephanie C. Kelly, City Clerk, MMC, NCCMC





**PERMISSION OF OWNERS FOR INTERIOR DESIGN REVIEW**  
(Please complete this portion of the application only if interior is included in the designation.)

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 160D-947(b) on historic landmarks, we,

Ashley & Peter Larkin

owners of record, do hereby request designation of interior spaces as such spaces have been deemed to have architectural, artistic, cultural, or historical significance. We understand that changes to designated portions of the property are subject to design review for compliance with The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings. We give permission to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission to exercise jurisdiction for design review over all interior designated portions of the following building or buildings located at:

Name of Historic Landmark: Alexander - Howell House (Sydenham Alexander House)

Street Address of Building or Buildings: 250 Cherokee Road

City, State, and Zip: Charlotte NC 28207

Tax Parcel Number or Numbers: 15506261(?)

Signature Ashley Larkin  
Owner

Name (Print) Ashley Larkin

Date 3/20/24

Signature Peter Larkin  
Owner

Name (Print) Peter Larkin

Date 3/20/24

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