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Ordinance amending the Historic Landmark Designation Ordinance originally adopted by the Charlotte City Council on May 17, 1976, for the property known as the "Liddell-McNinch House" to include both the interior of the Liddell-McNinch House and the associated land listed under Tax Parcel Identification Number 07803513 as part of the original landmark designation, such that the entire property known as the "Liddell-McNinch House" (listed under Tax Parcel Number 07803513, and including both the interior and exterior of the house, and the land listed under Tax Parcel Number 07803513 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of May 1, 2026) would be designated a Historic Landmark. The property is located at 511 North Church Street in Charlotte, North Carolina, and is owned by Mitchell Van Clark and Delores Clark.

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 28th day of September, 2026, on the question of amending the Historic Landmark Designation Ordinance originally adopted by the Charlotte City Council on May 17, 1976, for the property known as the "Liddell-McNinch House" so as to include both the interior of the Liddell-McNinch House and the associated land listed under Tax Parcel Number 07803513 as part of the original landmark designation; and

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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 September, 2026, on the question of amending the Historic Landmark Designation Ordinance originally adopted by the Charlotte City Council on May 17, 1976, for the property known as the "Liddell-McNinch House" so as to include both the interior of the Liddell-McNinch House and the associated land listed under Tax Parcel Number 07803513 as part of the original landmark designation; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of Ordinance No. 84-X, City of Charlotte Ordinance Book 23, Pages 95 through 97, effective May 17, 1976 (hereinafter, the "Ordinance"), the Charlotte City Council designated the Liddell-McNinch House (circa 1892) as a local historic landmark pursuant to North Carolina law; and

WHEREAS, in adopting that landmark designation, the Charlotte City Council found that the Liddell-McNinch House is historically significant for its association with notable Charlotteans, namely businessman Vinton Liddell and mayor S. S. McNinch; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte City Council also found that the Liddell-McNinch House is historically significant for its association with U.S. President William Howard Taft, who visited Charlotte in 1909 at the invitation of McNinch and spent the night in the house; and

WHEREAS, in adopting that landmark designation, the Charlotte City Council also found that the Liddell-McNinch House is architecturally significant as "the only

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remaining example of Queen Anne-Shingle Style architecture in Charlotte and probably one of the outstanding examples of this style in North Carolina”; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance did not expressly state whether the landmark designation of the Liddell-McNinch House included either the interior of the house or the associated land; and

WHEREAS, the ornate century-old interior of the Liddell-McNinch House includes such original features as the entry hall wood staircase (including the associated treads, railing, balusters, and newel posts), ten fireplace mantles, tile fireplace surrounds and hearths, multiple gas light fixtures, carved crown molding, a coffered wood ceiling, wood strip flooring, and wood-crafted elements as doors (with original hardware), door and window trim, wainscoting, baseboards, and corner beads, all of which have been well preserved and maintained; and

WHEREAS, the land upon which the Liddell-McNinch House is situated – as identified on the map of said property attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference – 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

WHEREAS, in 1989, after a decade of meticulous restoration work on the entire property, the Liddell-McNinch House opened to the public as the McNinch House Restaurant, a treasured culinary mainstay of uptown Charlotte for more than thirty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, because of the omission of the interior of the Liddell-McNinch House and the associated land from the Ordinance, only the exterior of the Liddell-McNinch

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House has been treated as a historic landmark, even though the interior of the house and the associated land are both as historically and architecturally significant as the house's exterior and therefore warrant the same statutory protection previously granted to the house's exterior; and

WHEREAS, based on the additional information further detailed in the *Amendment to the Landmark Designation Report for the Liddell-McNinch House* (April 2026), all of which is incorporated herein by reference, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the interior and exterior of the property known as the Liddell-McNinch House, as well as the associated land, together in their totality possess special significance in terms of their historical, architectural, and/or cultural importance; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has therefore recommended an amendment to the Ordinance to include both the interior of the Liddell-McNinch House and the associated land listed under Tax Parcel Identification Number 07803513 as part of the original landmark designation, such that the entire property known as the "Liddell-McNinch House" (listed under Tax Parcel Number 07803513, and including both the interior and exterior of the house, and the land listed under Tax Parcel Number 07803513 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of May 1, 2026) would be designated a Historic Landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has jurisdiction over portions of the property known as the Liddell-McNinch House, because consent for interior design review of the building has been given by the owner(s), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

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WHEREAS, the property known as the Liddell-McNinch House is owned by Mitchell Van Clark and Delores Clark.

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

1. That the ordinance originally adopted by the Charlotte City Council on May 17, 1976, designating as a historic landmark the property known as the “Liddell-McNinch House” – namely, Ordinance No. 84-X, City of Charlotte Ordinance Book 23, Pages 95 through 97, effective May 17, 1976 – is hereby amended to include both the interior of the Liddell-McNinch House and the associated land listed under Tax Parcel Number 07803513 as part of the original landmark designation. Accordingly, the entire property known as the “Liddell-McNinch House” (listed under Tax Parcel Number 07803513, and including both the interior and exterior of the house, and the land listed under Tax Parcel Number 07803513 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of May 1, 2026) is hereinafter designated 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 511 North Church Street in Charlotte, North Carolina. Interior and exterior features are more completely described in the *Amendment to the Landmark Designation Report for the Liddell- McNinch House (April 2026)*.

2. That said interior and exterior are more specifically defined as the historic and structural fabric of the property, 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

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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 Statewide 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 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 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(s) of the historic landmark known as the Liddell-McNinch House be given notice of this ordinance as required by applicable law and that copies of

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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 28th day of September, 2026, 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:

Exhibit A: Polaris Map of Liddell-McNinch House, 511 North Church Street, Charlotte, PIN 07803513.

Exhibit B: Executed Permission of the Owner for Interior Design Review.

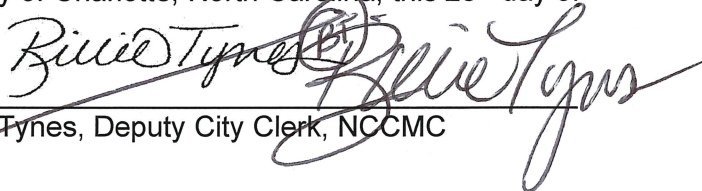
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CERTIFICATION

I, Billie Tynes, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened on the 28th day of September 2026, the reference having been made in Minute Book 163, and recorded in full in Ordinance Book 70, Page(s) 230-239.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this 28th day of September 2026.

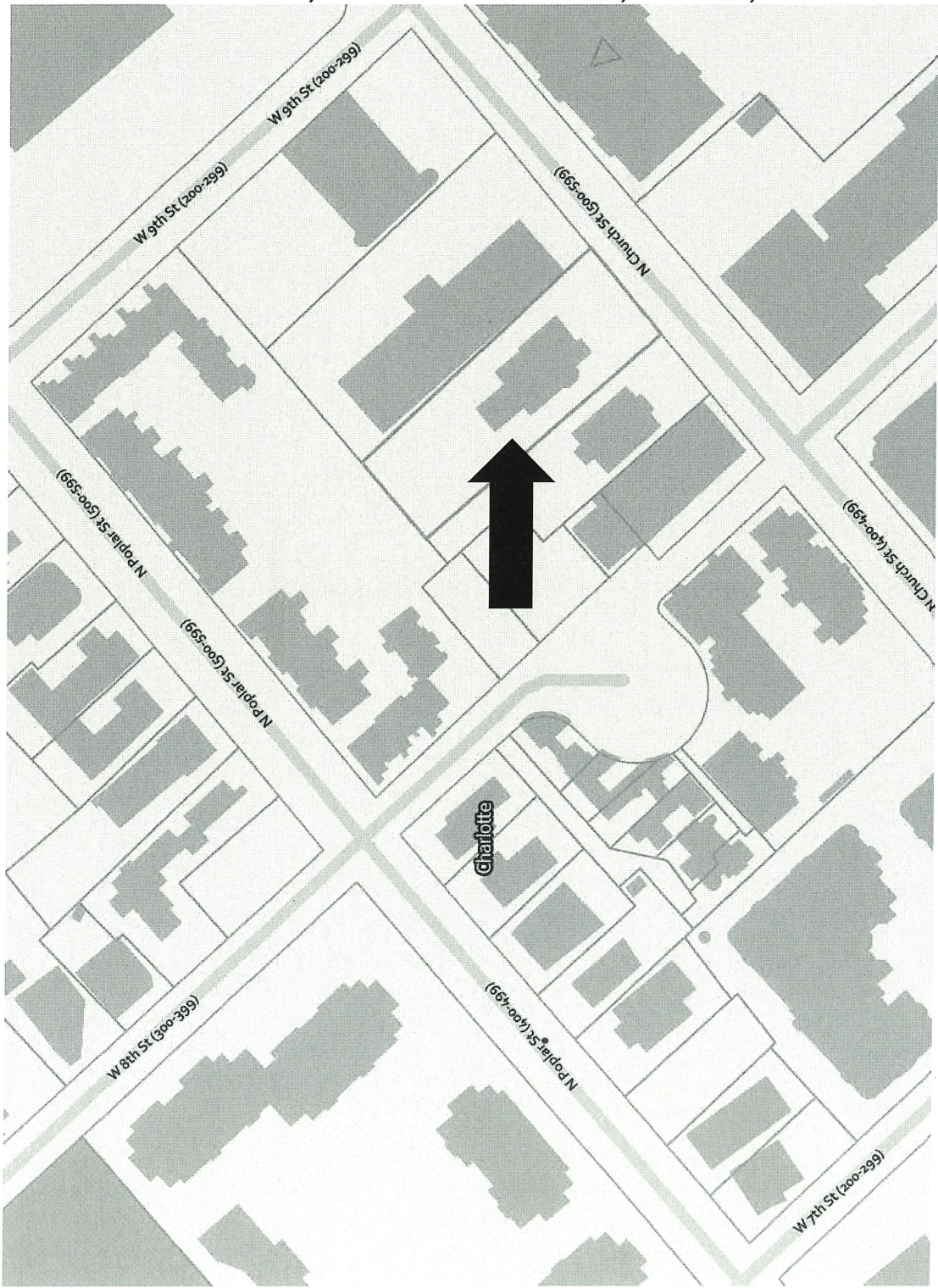




Billie Tynes, Deputy City Clerk, NCCMC

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Exhibit A: Polaris Map
Liddell-McNinch House, 511 North Church Street, Charlotte, PIN 07803513



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Exhibit B: Executed Permission of the Owner

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,
Mitchell and Delores Clark

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: Liddell - McNinch House
Street Address of Building or Buildings: 511 N Church Street
City, State, and Zip: Charlotte NC 28202
Tax Parcel Number or Numbers: 07803513 Deed Book 39467 page 804

Signature M/Clark
Owner

Name (Print) Mitchell Clark
Date 6/6/26

Signature Delores L Clark
Owner

Name (Print) Delores L Clark
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