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Ordinance designating as a Historic Landmark a property known as the "McClintock Presbyterian Church" (listed Tax Parcel Identification Number 20142472 and including the interior and exterior of the building, the land listed under Tax Parcel Number 20142472 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of May 1, 2026, and all structures and fixtures on that land, including without limitation the cemetery and all graves, grave markers, tombs, and other architectural remains). The property is located at 14008 Erwin Road in Charlotte, North Carolina, and is owned by McClintock Presbyterian Church.

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 designating a property known as the McClintock Presbyterian Church 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 14th day of September, 2026, on the question of

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Charlotte, NC 28207

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designating a property known as the McClintock Presbyterian Church as a historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the McClintock Presbyterian Church building (circa 1891) is historically significant as the house of worship of the first Presbyterian congregation in Mecklenburg County – and one of North Carolina’s first two Presbyterian churches – founded by the newly emancipated freedpeople after the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, started in the summer of 1865 and formally organized in October 1866, the McClintock Presbyterian Church was also one of the two original members of the Catawba Presbytery, created in October 1866 as the first all-Black presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and that later became the largest all-Black presbytery in the world; and

WHEREAS, over the years, members of the still-active McClintock Presbyterian Church congregation farmed the surrounding land, helped build Camp Greene (Charlotte’s World War I U.S. Army training camp), worked in the city’s World War II munitions plant, and served throughout Mecklenburg County in a variety of capacities, from superior court judges and city council members to the county’s first Black female probation/parole officer; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, the pulpit of McClintock Presbyterian Church has been filled by a steady succession of distinguished clergy, including a cofounder of the Freedmen’s College of North Carolina and Theological Seminary (later known as Biddle University and now known as Johnson C. Smith University), the first Black pastor ordained by the Catawba Presbytery, a former missionary among Black members of the

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Choctaw Nation, a former President of Biddle University, and a recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal; and

WHEREAS, much of the original 1891 wood frame structure of the McClintock Presbyterian Church building remains intact and unaltered within the exterior brick cladding that enclosed the 1891 structure as part of a circa 1961 renovation; and

WHEREAS, the property upon which the McClintock Presbyterian Church has now stood for more than a century also includes a circa 1922 Rosenwald School (previously designated as a local historic landmark by the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners in April 1989), a cemetery with documented graves dating to at least 1871, structural remains of a circa 1885 schoolhouse, and potential structural remains of a separate meeting hall for a fraternal order known as the Knights of the Guiding Star of the East fraternal order; and

WHEREAS, based on the additional information further detailed in the *Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission Designation Report on the McClintock Presbyterian Church* (March 2026), all of which is incorporated herein by reference, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the property known as the McClintock Presbyterian Church possesses special significance in terms of its historical, architectural, archeological, and/or cultural importance; and

WHEREAS, the land upon which the McClintock Presbyterian Church 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 building and its associated structures and fixtures, and therefore possesses its own special historical significance independent of the building; and

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WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has jurisdiction over portions of the property known as the McClintock Presbyterian Church, 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

WHEREAS, the property known as the McClintock Presbyterian Church is owned by McClintock Presbyterian Church.

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

1. That the property known as the "McClintock Presbyterian Church" (listed Tax Parcel Identification Number 20142472 and including the interior and exterior of the building, the land listed under Tax Parcel Number 20142472 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of May 1, 2026, and all structures and fixtures on that land, including without limitation the cemetery and all graves, grave markers, tombs, and other architectural remains) 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 14008 Erwin Road in Charlotte, North Carolina. Interior and exterior features are more completely described in the *Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission Designation Report on the McClintock Presbyterian Church* (March 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.

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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 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.

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6. That the owner(s) of the historic landmark known as the McClintock 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.

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 McClintock Presbyterian Church, 14008 Erwin Road, Charlotte, PIN 20142472.

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

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) 249-257.

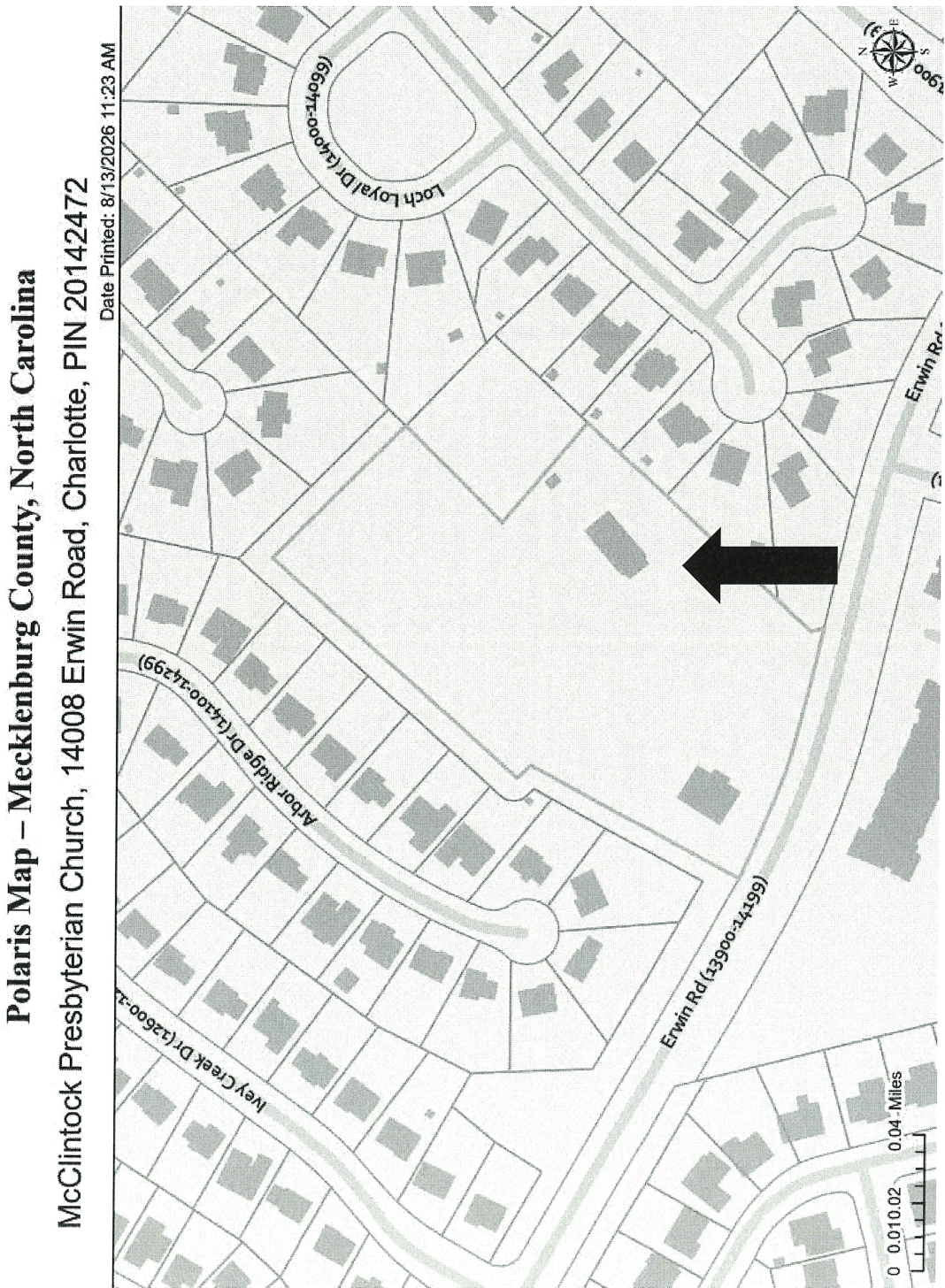
WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this 28th day of September 2026.




Billie Tynes, Deputy City Clerk, NCCMC

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Exhibit A: Polaris Map



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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:

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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: McClintock Presbyterian Church

Street Address of Building or Buildings: 14008 Erwin Road

City, State, and Zip: Charlotte, N.C. 28273

Tax Parcel Number or Numbers: 20142472 and 20142473

Signature Bryant Foust
Owner

Name (Print) Bryant Foust

Date _____