

Request For Council Action

Action Requested: Consideration of an Ordinance designating the property known as the **Arthur Smith Studios** (listed under Tax Parcel Number 16302142 and including the exterior of the building, and the land listed under the tax parcel number) as an historic landmark.

Responsible Department: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission

Background: The enclosed Survey and Research Report sets forth the factors which persuaded the Historic Landmarks Commission to recommend the designation of **Arthur Smith Studios** as an historic landmark.

Explanation of Request: The Historic Landmarks Commission functions to identify and safeguard historic buildings, sites and places in Mecklenburg County. The essential means of achieving this goal is to recommend the designation of such properties as historic landmarks. City Council is being asked to consider **Arthur Smith Studios** for designation as an historic landmark.

Deferrable Taxes: Attached is a letter from the Mecklenburg County Tax Administrator stating that the subject property's deferrable taxes would be \$344.74 for City of Charlotte taxes, and \$599.96 for Mecklenburg County taxes.

Clearances: The Department Review Process revealed that there are no conflicts with other City projects.

Bibliography: Survey and Research Report on the **Arthur Smith Studios (2015)**

Date Submitted: September 4, 2015

Agenda Date Requested: September 21, 2015

Consequences if Agenda Date is delayed or Action is deferred: Would delay historic designation of the **Arthur Smith Studios** and thereby deprive the property of legal protection against inappropriate material alteration.

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Authorized by:

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List of Attachments:

1. Descriptive Cover Sheet
2. Draft of Ordinance
3. Survey and Research Report on the **Arthur Smith Studios**
4. Letter from Tax Office providing amount of potentially deferrable Ad Valorem taxes
5. Confirmation of vote of Historic Landmarks Commission
6. Comment Summary of Department Review
7. Letter from the State Historic Preservation Office