

A Resolution to Call for a Public Hearing to Consider Designating the Faires Farm Silos (9520 Faires Farm Road) as a Local Historic Landmark



The two Faires Farm silos are the last known extant structures of the 330-acre Faires cattle farm, operated during the mid-20th century by Frank and Viola Faires in the once rural northeast quadrant of Charlotte now known as University City. Built in the 1950s, the silos are architecturally significant as they are the only known silos within the city limits that demonstrate in such close proximity the two primary means of 20th century silo construction: one constructed using large bands of poured concrete, the other comprised of rows of interlocking concrete staves bolstered by steel reinforcement hoops. The silos also represent Charlotte’s original agrarian roots, as well as the necessary transition of the area’s once-dominant cotton monoculture to a more resilient, diversified farming economy. In addition to raising cattle, Frank Faires launched in 1937 his Faires Trailer Company, one of North Carolina’s first mobile home dealerships that later became one of the South’s largest mobile home businesses. The recommended designation is for the exterior of each of the two silo structures and a twenty-five (25) foot radius of the land immediately surrounding each silo structure, measured in each direction from the exterior surface of each structure.

