

A Resolution to Call for a Public Hearing to Consider Designating the Charlotte Fire Station Number Eight (1201 The Plaza) as a Local Historic Landmark



The Colonial Revival house-like design of Charlotte Fire Station Number Eight (ca. 1949) is unique among the city's firehouses built in the decades immediately following World War II. All other Charlotte firehouses of that era were modernist styled. The architect was Marion R. Marsh, a prominent Charlotte architect of regional importance who practiced from 1922 until his 1964 retirement. Fire Station Number Eight, one of only two firehouses Marsh designed, is the only one still in service. The design resulted from Marsh's collaboration with W. Hendrix Palmer, Charlotte's Fire Chief from 1927 until 1948. Palmer, who served as the president of both the North Carolina Firemen's Association and the International Association of Fire Chiefs, insisted that the station compliment the built environment of the surrounding neighborhood. The recommended designation is for the exterior of the building and the associated parcel of land.

