

Ordinance – Larkwood-Chadbourn Hosiery Mill Plant

**Ordinance designating as an Historic Landmark a property known as the “Larkwood-Chadbourn Hosiery Mill Plant” (listed under Tax Parcel Number 08306707 and including the interior and exterior of the mill building and boiler house, the smokestack, and the land listed under Tax Parcel Number 08306707 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of March 1, 2021). The property is owned by Chadbourn Mill Owner LLC, and is located at 451 Jordan Place in Charlotte, North Carolina.**

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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 June, 2021, on the question of designating a property known as the Larkwood-Chadbourn Hosiery Mill Plant as an 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 June, 2021, on the question of designating a property known as the Larkwood-Chadbourn Hosiery Mill Plant as an historic landmark; and

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WHEREAS, the Larkwood-Chadbourn Hosiery Mill Plant (c. 1929) possesses special historical, industrial, and architectural significance in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the Larkwood-Chadbourn Hosiery Mill Plant is historically significant for its association with two of Charlotte’s largest and longest-operating hosiery producers from late 1929, when Larkwood Silk Hosiery Mills’ plant commenced operations, until Chadbourn Inc. ceased production in 1978, including the significant contributions of both enterprises to the local economy as manufacturers, employers, consumers of local goods and services, and taxpayers during that same period; and

WHEREAS, the Larkwood-Chadbourn Hosiery Mill Plant is also architecturally significant at the local level, as the two-story redbrick mill building, which was enlarged in 1935 with a matching addition designed by architect George N. Rhodes, is one of the few extant early-twentieth-century Charlotte industrial buildings featuring Art Deco stylistic elements; and

WHEREAS, the Larkwood-Chadbourn Hosiery Mill Plant, along with its associated freestanding one-story, redbrick boiler house (c. 1949) and its tapered round redbrick smokestack (c. 1949) distinctively emblazoned with the “Chadbourn” name, has maintained sufficient integrity of design, setting, workmanship, materials, feeling, and association to effectively convey the property’s historical, industrial, and architectural significance; and

WHEREAS, based on the additional information further detailed in the *Local Historic Landmark Designation Report on the Larkwood Silk Hosiery Mills - Chadbourn Hosiery Mills Plant (April 2021)*, all of which is incorporated herein by reference, the

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the property known as the Larkwood-Chadbourn Hosiery Mill Plant possesses special significance in terms of its history, architecture, and/or cultural importance; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has jurisdiction over portions of the property known as the Larkwood-Chadbourn Hosiery Mill Plant, because consent for interior design review has been given by the owner; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the Larkwood-Chadbourn Hosiery Mill Plant is owned by Chadbourn Mill Owner LLC.

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

1. That the property known as the “Larkwood-Chadbourn Hosiery Mill Plant” (listed under Tax Parcel Number 08306707 and including the interior and exterior of the mill building and boiler house, the smokestack, and the land listed under Tax Parcel Number 08306707 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of March 1, 2021) 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 451 Jordan Place in Charlotte, North Carolina. Interior and exterior features are more completely described in the *Local Historic Landmark Designation Report on the Larkwood Silk Hosiery Mills - Chadbourn Hosiery Mills Plant (April 2021)*.

2. That said interiors and exteriors are more specifically defined as the historic and structural fabric, especially including all original interior and 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 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 State-wide 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, and amendments thereto, and hereinafter adopted.

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 the 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 owners of the historic landmark known as the Larkwood-Chadbourn Hosiery Mill Plant 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 \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, by the members of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

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Clerk to City Council

Approved as to form:

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Senior Assistant City Attorney