

Ordinance – Antioch Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery

Ordinance designating as an Historic Landmark a property known as the “Antioch Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery” (listed under Tax Parcel Number 15904104 as of August 20, 2018, including the land and all landscape features associated with tax parcel). The property is located at 3712 Monroe Road in Charlotte, North Carolina, and is owned by the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church.

WHEREAS, all of the prerequisites to the adoption of this ordinance prescribed in Chapter 160A, Article 19, 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 17th day of September 2018, on the question of designating a property known as the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery 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 10th day of September 2018, on the question of designating a property known as the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery as an historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery is the resting place of the founding generation of the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, and that first generation included men and women who had been members of an enslaved community in Blackstock, South Carolina, and who had reassembled in Charlotte after Emancipation; and

WHEREAS, the founders of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church were examples of first- and second-generation free African Americans who migrated within the South, settling in and just outside urban areas where blue-collar work made it possible for them to support their families and themselves; and

WHEREAS, the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery contains important examples of funerary art; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the property known as the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery possesses special significance in terms of its history, and/or cultural importance; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery is owned by the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church.

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

1. That the property known as the “Antioch Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery” (listed under Tax Parcel Number 15904104 as of August 20, 2018, including the land and all landscape features associated with tax parcel) is hereby designated as an historic landmark pursuant to Chapter 160A, Article 19, as amended, of the General Statutes of North Carolina. The location of said landmark is noted as being situated at 3712 Monroe Road, Charlotte, Mecklenburg

County, North Carolina. Features of the property are more completely described in the “Survey and Research Report on the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery” (2018).

2. 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 160A, Article 19, and amendments thereto, and hereinafter adopted.

3. 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.

4. That a suitable sign may be posted indicating that said property has been designated as an historic landmark and containing any other appropriate information. If the owner consents, the sign may be placed on said historic landmark.

5. That the owners of the historic landmark known as the “Antioch Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery” 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.

6. That which is designated as an historic landmark shall be subject to Chapter 160A, Article 19, of the General Statutes of North Carolina as amended, and any amendments to it and any amendments hereinafter adopted.

Adopted the ____ day of _____, 20____, 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