

A Resolution to Call for a Public Hearing to Consider Designating the Jefferson-First Union Tower (301 S. Tryon St.) as a Local Historic Landmark



The 1971 Jefferson-First Union Tower (consisting of the 1971 32-story tower and the adjoining 1971 12-story hyphen building) is significant for the structure's Late-Modern design as well as for its role in the development of Charlotte's financial industry. The architecture is a direct result of the commercial significance of the First Union National Bank and the city's rapidly growing banking industry. The tower ushered in a new era of skyline development in the 1970s led by the leading financial institutions of the period, a trend that has continued into the twenty-first century. When constructed, the tower was the first Late-Modern skyscraper in downtown Charlotte, reflecting a shift in architectural design trends. It was also North Carolina's tallest building at that time. The recommended designation is for the exterior and portions of the interior of the tower and hyphen structures (labeled below as A and B) and a portion of the associated land.

