

**Ordinance designating as a Historic Landmark a property known as the “Dilworth Methodist Church South” (listed under Tax Parcel Number 12105301 and including the exterior of the building and the land listed under Tax Parcel Number 12105301 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of March 1, 2026). The property is located at 1829 Cleveland Avenue in Charlotte, North Carolina, and is owned by On Cleveland LLC.**

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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 22nd day of June, 2026, on the question of designating a property known as the Dilworth Methodist Church South as a 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 8th day of June, 2026, on the question of designating a property known as the Dilworth Methodist Church South as a historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Dilworth Methodist Church South (circa 1915) is historically significant as the oldest extant church building in the Dilworth National Register Historic District, originating as a mission church formed by Charlotte's Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church for employees of the nearby Atherton Mills; and

WHEREAS, the Dilworth Methodist Church South is both historically and architecturally significant as the first known and documented building completed by architect and Charlotte native Marvin W. Helms, who became one of the city's most notable and important twentieth-century architects and is credited with designing some 900 buildings across North Carolina over his 60-year career; and

WHEREAS, the Dilworth Methodist Church South is also architecturally significant as an excellent early example of the Colonial Revival style that gained significant popularity in the United States during the early twentieth century; and

WHEREAS, following its initial service as the ten-year home for a rapidly growing Dilworth Methodist congregation (that included evangelist Billy Graham's father William F. Graham), the Dilworth Methodist Church South became the first permanent home of Mecklenburg County's first congregation of the Church of the Nazarene denomination, serving that congregation for nearly a half century; and

WHEREAS, based on the additional information further detailed in the *Dilworth Methodist Church South, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission Designation Report* (April 2026), all of which is incorporated herein by reference, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the property known as the Dilworth Methodist Church South

possesses special significance in terms of its history, architecture, and/or cultural importance; and

WHEREAS, the land upon which the Dilworth Methodist Church South is situated – as identified on the map of said property attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference – appropriately reflects and preserves the historic location and setting of the structure, and therefore possesses its own special historical significance independent of the structure; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the Dilworth Methodist Church South is owned by On Cleveland LLC.

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

1. That the property known as the “Dilworth Methodist Church South” (listed under Tax Parcel Number 12105301 and including the exterior of the building and the land listed under Tax Parcel Number 12105301 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina as of March 1, 2026) 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 1829 Cleveland Avenue in Charlotte, North Carolina. Exterior features are more completely described in the *Dilworth Methodist Church South, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission Designation Report* (April 2026).

2. That said exterior is more specifically defined as the historic and structural fabric, especially including all original 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 Statewide 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, of the General Statutes of North Carolina as amended.

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 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.

6. That the owner(s) of the historic landmark known as the Dilworth Methodist Church South 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, 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

Attachment: Exhibit A: Polaris Map of Dilworth Methodist Church South, 1829 Cleveland Avenue, Charlotte, PIN 12105301.

**Exhibit A: Polaris Map**

**Polaris Map – Mecklenburg County, North Carolina**

Dilworth Methodist Church South, 1829 Cleveland Avenue, Charlotte, PIN 12105301.

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