A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Charlotte calling for a Public Hearing to be held by the City Council on the Question of designating the property known as the "William Sidney and Margaret Davis Abernethy House" (listed under Tax Parcel Number 08911116 as of June 1, 2015, and including the interior and exterior of the house, and the parcel of land listed under Tax Parcel Number 08911116) as an Historic Landmark. The property is owned by Rhonda D. Griffith, and is located at 215 W. Eastway Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina.

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has made an investigation and report on the historic, architectural, educational, and cultural significance of the property as described below; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has recommended that the City Council adopt an ordinance designating the property described below as an Historic Landmark pursuant to Chapter 160A, Article 19, as amended of the General Statutes of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has determined that the property described below meets the criteria for designation because of special significance in terms of its history, architectural, and/or cultural importance, and because it possesses integrity of design, setting, workmanship, materials, feeling and/or association as required by N.C.G.S. 160A-400.5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, that the City Council will hold a public hearing at which interested parties will have an opportunity to be heard on the question of the designation of the property known as the "William Sidney and Margaret Davis Abernethy House" (listed under Tax Parcel Number 08911116 as of June 1, 2015, and including the interior and exterior of the house, and the parcel of land listed under Tax Parcel Number 08911116) as an Historic Landmark.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that reasonable notice of the time and place of the public hearing shall be given.
CERTIFICATION

I, Stephanie C. Kelly, City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened on the 20th day of July, 2015 the reference having been made in Minute Book 139, and recorded in full in Resolution Book 46, Page(s) 730-733.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, the 20th day of July, 2015.

Stephanie C. Kelly, MMC, NCCMC, City Clerk
The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission is recommending that the “William Sidney and Margaret Davis Abernethy House” be designated as a historic landmark. The Abernethy House is one of the few remnants of the agricultural economy that once thrived on the edge of the City of Charlotte before World War II. The house is also an important artifact of dairy farming in Mecklenburg County early in the twentieth century. The house was moved a short distance from its original location to prevent its demolition. Preservation North Carolina worked successfully with the Abernathy Family to find a party to buy and restore the house. Designation would help to prevent inappropriate changes to the property. The Mecklenburg County Tax office has appraised the house and 1.03 acres of property at $176,500. If the property is designated, the owner could apply for a 50% property tax deferral.
Map of the William Sidney and Margaret Davis Abernethy House
215 W. Eastway Drive, Charlotte, NC
A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Charlotte calling for a Public Hearing to be held by the City Council on the Question of designating the property known as the “Arthur Smith Studios” (listed under Tax Parcel Number 16302142 as of June 1, 2015, and including the building, land, and all features of Tax Parcel Number 16302142) as an Historic Landmark. The property is owned by Terraca Properties LLC, and is located at 5457 Monroe Road, Charlotte, North Carolina.

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has made an investigation and report on the historic, architectural, educational, and cultural significance of the property as described below; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has recommended that the City Council adopt an ordinance designating the property described below as an Historic Landmark pursuant to Chapter 160A, Article 19, as amended of the General Statutes of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has determined that the property described below meets the criteria for designation because of special significance in terms of its history, architectural, and/or cultural importance, and because it possesses integrity of design, setting, workmanship, materials, feeling and/or association as required by N.C.G.S. 160A-400.5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, that the City Council will hold a public hearing at which interested parties will have an opportunity to be heard on the question of the designation of the property known as the “Arthur Smith Studios” (listed under Tax Parcel Number 16302142 as of June 1, 2015, and including the building, land, and all features of Tax Parcel Number 16302142) as an Historic Landmark.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that reasonable notice of the time and place of the public hearing shall be given.
CERTIFICATION

I, Stephanie C. Kelly, City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened on the 20th day of July, 2015 the reference having been made in Minute Book 139, and recorded in full in Resolution Book 46, Page(s) 734-737.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, the 20th day of July, 2015.

Stephanie C. Kelly, MMC, NCCMC, City Clerk
The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission is recommending that the “Arthur Smith Studios” be designated as a historic landmark. The designation would include the exterior of the building and the land associated with the studio. The Arthur Smith Studios is significant for its association with Arthur Smith, a noted musician, songwriter, and entertainer. Smith, who lived in Charlotte from 1943 until his death in 2014, was arguably Charlotte’s most successful, important, and influential musician. The Arthur Smith Studios is also significant for its association with many popular recording artists including Roy Orbison, Johnny Cash (a personal friend of Smith), Chet Atkins, Pat Boone, and James Brown, who in 1965 recorded his seminal hit “Papa’s Got a Brand New Bag” at the studio. The Arthur Smith Studios is an important artifact of the post-World War II music business in Charlotte. The Mecklenburg County Tax office has appraised the property at $299,700. If the property is designated, the owner could apply for a 50% property tax deferral for the value of the land and the exterior of the building.
A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Charlotte calling for a Public Hearing to be held by the City Council on the Question of Amending the ordinance for the Historic Landmark known as the "Richard Wearn House" originally adopted by the Charlotte City Council on December 10, 1979. The ordinance would be amended to include the interior and exterior of the house and the outbuildings, and .856 acres of land associated with the house (land and buildings listed under Tax Parcel Number 05903272 as of June 1, 2015 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina). The Richard Wearn House is located at 4928 Tuckaseeegee Road in Charlotte, North Carolina, and is owned by Susan Lee Ward.

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has made an investigation and report on the historic, architectural, educational, and cultural significance of the property as described below; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has recommended that the City Council amend the ordinance designating the property described below pursuant to Chapter 160A, Article 19, as amended of the General Statutes of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, when the Richard Wearn House was originally designated as an historic landmark by the Charlotte City Council on December 10, 1979, only the exterior of the house was included in the designation; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has determined that amending the ordinance to include the interior and exterior of the house and the outbuildings, and .856 acres of land associated with the house, would further enhance and protect the historical integrity of the Richard Wearn House.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, that the City Council will hold a public hearing at which interested parties will have an opportunity to be heard on the question of amending the ordinance for the property known as the "Richard Wearn House" (listed under Tax Parcel Number 05903272 as of June 1, 2015).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that reasonable notice of the time and place of the public hearing shall be given.
CERTIFICATION

I, Stephanie C. Kelly, City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened on the 20th day of July, 2015 the reference having been made in Minute Book 139, and recorded in full in Resolution Book 46, Page(s) 738-741.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, the 20th day of July, 2015.

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Stephanie C. Kelly, MMC, NCCMC, City Clerk
The Richard Wearn House was designated by the Charlotte City Council as a local historic landmark in 1979, as a rare surviving ante-bellum farmhouse. The designation included only the exterior of the house, based on the wishes of the owner at that time. The property has a new owner who is renovating the house and outbuildings, and supports expanding the designation of the property. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission is recommending that the City Council amend the designation ordinance to include the interior of the house, the existing outbuildings, and the .856 acres of land in the tax parcel associated with the house. Designation of the land and outbuildings would help to preserve the historic setting of the Richard Wearn House. The designation of the interior would help to protect historic features including doors, flooring, handrails, and mantles. The Richard Wearn House and the surrounding .856 acres of land was sold in November, 2014 for $30,000. If the interior of the house and the .856 acres property are designated, the owner could apply for a 50% property tax deferral for the property.