

ORDINANCE DESIGNATING POPLAR HALL
A GUILFORD COUNTY HISTORIC LANDMARK

WHEREAS, Poplar Hall, 409 and 411 Sunset Drive, Tax Parcel Number 7865-44-8432 and 7865-44-6522, is owned by Helen Brooks. Built in 1914, it is a two-story residence located in the Irving Park National Register Historic District;

WHEREAS, all the prerequisites to the adoption of the ordinance, as prescribed by Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 3C of the North Carolina General Statutes, have been met;

WHEREAS, the Guilford County Historic Preservation Commission has submitted a report, which is incorporated herein by reference, and recommended in a public hearing that the property described below be designated as a Historic Landmark;

WHEREAS, appropriate notice has been given of the public hearing as required by law;

WHEREAS, the Guilford County Historic Preservation Commission finds that the property described herein is of historical, architectural, educational, and/or cultural significance, and its preservation should be encouraged so as to safeguard the heritage of the City and County and to promote the use and conservation for the education, pleasure and enrichment of the residents of the City and County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

1. The City Council of the City of Greensboro accepts the findings of the Guilford County Historic Preservation Commission and adopts the recommendation of the Commission for the preservation of the subject property by the authority set forth in Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 3C of the North Carolina General Statutes and local ordinance adopted pursuant thereto.
2. Poplar Hall was built in 1914 for the family of Aubrey Lee Brooks, lawyer, politician, author, and general counsel for the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company. It is an exceptional example of Neoclassical Revival architecture in Guilford County. Interior updates in the 1970s by Otto Zenke add another layer to the home's historical significance. The workmanship of the original builders has been carefully maintained over the years and architectural features have been painstakingly restored by three generations of the Brooks family, making this one of the best preserved historic homes in Guilford County.
3. The designation includes the entire exterior and interior of the house, and both lots as listed above in order to protect the historic setting.

4. The Guilford County Landmark plaque shall be installed on the property and such sign shall indicate that the property has been designated as a Historic Landmark. Details of the display of the plaque are to be approved by the Guilford County Historic Preservation Commission before installation.
5. The procedures provided by law, including waiting period, shall be observed prior to demolition, alteration, remodeling or removal of the designated property. This includes the process of obtaining a Certificate of Appropriateness before making any changes to the property.
6. A certified copy of this ordinance is to be appropriately recorded with the Register of Deeds, the Guilford County Tax Department and City of Greensboro Engineering and Inspections Department in accordance with provisions of Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 3C of the North Carolina General Statutes and the local ordinance adopted pursuant thereto.
7. This ordinance shall be effective from and after its adoption.