

ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE POWHATAN APARTMENTS
A GUILFORD COUNTY HISTORIC LANDMARK

WHEREAS, the Powhatan Apartments, 904 West Market Street, Tax Parcel Number 61540 is owned by the Powhatan Homeowners Association c/o Rent-a-Home of the Triad and is located in the College Hill Locally Zoned Historic District;

WHEREAS, all the prerequisites to the adoption of the ordinance, as prescribed by Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes, have been met;

WHEREAS, the Powhatan Apartments, constructed in 1927, is locally significant to Guilford County because it is a fine example of multi-unit Neoclassical Revival residential architecture and is the only documented example designed by prominent architect Harry Barton;

WHEREAS, the design encompasses Neoclassical elements including the highly symmetrical common-bond brick building exterior with deep overhanging eaves and a heavy modillion cornice, limestone trim and entries with broken pediments, double entrances, and double entry doors making it an exceptional example of Neoclassical Revival and representative of Greensboro's apartment boom in the early 20th century;

WHEREAS, the Guilford County Historic Preservation Commission recommends to the Greensboro City Council that the portions enumerated herein of the properties listed above be designated as a Guilford County Historic Landmark property;

WHEREAS, The designation includes the entire lot, the entire exterior of the building, and the shared interior stairwells and corridors of the building, including the condo entry doors, window and door surrounds, and terrazzo and wood flooring of the common areas, while the interiors of the individual units and any features not specifically listed are excluded from this designation;

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 ORDAINED 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 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes and local ordinance adopted pursuant thereto.

2. The Powhatan Apartments were designed by Harry Barton and constructed in 1927. It is the only example in Guilford County of a multi-unit building designed in the Neoclassical style by Barton.
3. The designation is for the following items and all others specified in the Landmark Report prepared by Gate City Preservation: the entire lot, the entire exterior of the building, and the shared interior stairwells and corridors of the building, including the condo entry doors, window and door surrounds, and terrazzo and wood flooring of the common areas. The interiors of the individual units and any features not specifically listed are excluded from this designation.
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 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes and the local ordinance adopted pursuant thereto.
7. This ordinance shall be effective from and after its adoption.