

ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE GEORGE AND NANCY KESTLER HOUSE
A GUILFORD COUNTY HISTORIC LANDMARK

WHEREAS, the George and Nancy Kestler House, 437 Arlington Street, Tax Parcel Number 1074 is owned by the Beloved Community Center and the designation report was prepared by Gate City Preservation, LLC;

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 George and Nancy Kestler House, constructed in 1876, is locally significant to Guilford County because it is one of the few remaining Italianate style homes in the county and one of only 15 surviving homes dating from 1880 or earlier;

WHEREAS, the property retains many character-defining features of the Italianate style with many of the original materials and finishings preserved or restored including the arched wood windows, decorative porch moldings, deep overhanging eaves, and decorative brackets, and the materials continue to contribute to the character-defining features of the residence;

WHEREAS, the house is notable for cultural importance and associations with the Kestler family, is adjacent to a designated local historic landmark and National Register Property, the William Fields house, and the South Greensboro National Register Historic District and the preservation of both properties contributes to maintaining the historical fabric of the neighborhood;

WHEREAS, the designation includes the entire 0.44-acre lot and the exterior of the building;

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

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

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 George and Nancy Kestler House was constructed in the Italianate architectural style in 1876 and is one of only 15 historic properties in Guilford County surviving from 1880 or earlier.
3. The designation includes the entire 0.44 lot and the entire exterior of the building.
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.