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**ORDINANCE NO. (2011) 988**

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**AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE GRAND UNITED ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS BUILDING IN THE PLANNING JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, A HISTORIC LANDMARK**

**WHEREAS**, the property located at 115 E Hargett Street, Raleigh, NC, is owned by HL Empire LLC; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina authorized the creation of the Raleigh Historic Districts Commission for the City of Raleigh and otherwise provided for the preservation of certain historic sites and buildings by the passage of Part 3C, Chapter 160A, Article 19 of the North Carolina General Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Raleigh Historic Districts Commission has made an investigation and recommended the following property be designated a historic landmark; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources has made an analysis and recommendation that the following property be designated a historic landmark; and

**WHEREAS**, on the 1st day of November, 2011, a joint public hearing was held in the Council Chamber of the Avery C. Upchurch Municipal Complex, Raleigh, before the City Council of the City of Raleigh and the Raleigh Historic Districts Commission to determine whether the hereinafter described property should be designated a historic landmark; and

**WHEREAS**, all requirements of Part 3C, Chapter 160A, Article 19 of the North Carolina General Statutes, preceding the adoption of this ordinance, have been complied with.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA THAT:**

**Section 1.** The property designated as Grand United Order of Odd Fellows Building , in the planning jurisdiction of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, be and is declared a Raleigh Historic Landmark. Said property being more particularly described as follows:

The property located at 115 E Hargett Street, Raleigh, NC, owned by HL Empire LLC, a portion of that property described in deed book 9438, page 2401 recorded in Wake County Registry, being the parcel described as Tract 2 in deed book 12577, page 901 recorded in Wake County Registry comprising approximately .08 acres.

**Section 2.** Those elements of the property that are integral to its historical, prehistorical, architectural, archaeological and/or cultural significance or any combination thereof are as follows:

The brick three-story, three-bay utilitarian commercial building and the approximately .08 acre lot upon which it sits. The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows (GUOOF) Building is culturally and historically significant as one of only two known extant buildings associated with African-American secret/benevolent societies in Raleigh and the only one known to be associated with the GUOOF. The building is representative of the social and charitable structure within the African-American community in the years following the Civil War. The buildings used by other known societies and lodges of the GUOOF have all been demolished.

Built ca. 1880 as a factory, the Hope for All Lodge No. 2645 installed two storefronts and turned the building into an office, retail, and assembly space in ca. 1891. The GUOOF used the building as a lodge until selling the building in the 1960s. The business use of the building was integrated until about 1915 when black professionals and businessmen occupied the entire building and served the African-American community along Raleigh's "black main street." The period of significance for the building is ca. 1880 to 1961.

Located at 115 E Hargett Street, the GUOOF Building sits at the sidewalk, mid-block on the north side of E Hargett Street. Facing east, the building's east wall was covered by an adjacent building until at least the 1950s and the north wall abuts the adjacent building. The rear of the lot extends approximately 18 feet to the north and is paved with concrete and concrete pavers. On the east (front), brick parapet is topped by a modest corbelled cornice and features a central semi-circular opening. The central portion of the parapet - all but each end bay - projects several feet above the rest. Behind the parapet is a gable roof covered with roofing membrane. Copper scuppers and downspouts flank the building. At the rear of the building the top of the metal capped wall follows the slope of the roof. At the peak is a series of opening in the brick in a diamond shape.

The storefront, once heavily remodeled, now features a new, historically-accurate wood storefront, including a fully glazed transom and a copper cornice. The central entry still has its pair of single-light wood doors and the new storefront consists of two recessed entries with wide single-light wood doors. Six rectangular four-over-four double-hung sash wood windows pierce each of the two upper floors. The windows are articulated by jack (flat) arch lintels and thick concrete sills. The windows on the second story are roughly two-thirds the height of the upper story. The rear of the building has a modern metal egress structure at the third floor and a new wood outdoor patio/seating area at ground level. The windows on the second and third floors of the rear elevation match those on the front façade. The ground floor has two entry doors each flanked by two windows the same as those on the second floor.

A detailed architectural description and historical background is found in the 2011 Raleigh Historic Landmark designation application and report.

**Section 3.** No portion of the exterior features of any building, site, structure, or object (including windows, walls, fences, light fixtures, steps, pavement, paths, or any other appurtenant features), trees, nor above ground utility structure located on the hereinbefore described property that is designated in this ordinance may be altered, restored, moved, remodeled, or reconstructed so that a change in design, material or outer appearance occurs unless and until a certificate of appropriateness is obtained from the Raleigh Historic Districts Commission or its successors; provided however that the Raleigh Planning Director or designee may approve certificates of appropriateness for minor works as listed in the Bylaws and Rules of Procedure of the Raleigh Historic Districts Commission.

**Section 4.** No building, site, structure, or object (including walls, fences, light fixtures, steps, pavement, paths, or any other appurtenant features), trees, nor above ground utility structure located on the hereinbefore described property that is designated in this ordinance may be demolished unless and until either approval of demolition is obtained from the Raleigh Historic Districts Commission or a period of three hundred sixty-five (365) days has elapsed following final review by the Commission of a request for demolition (or any longer period of time required by N.C.G.S. 160A-400.14 as it maybe amended hereafter); provided however, that demolition may be denied by the Raleigh Historic Districts Commission in the event that the State Historic Preservation Officer determines that the building, site, or structure has statewide significance as provided by N.C.G.S. 160A-400.14.

**Section 5.** The Raleigh Historic Districts Commission shall have no jurisdiction over the interior features of the property.

**Section 6.** All owners and occupants of the property hereinabove described, whose identity and addresses can be ascertained by the exercise of due diligence shall be sent by certified mail a copy of this ordinance.

**Section 7.** This ordinance shall be indexed after the property owner's name in the grantor and grantee indexes in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Wake County.

**Section 8.** City administration and the Raleigh Historic Districts Commission are hereby authorized and directed to have erected an appropriate sign on the site hereinabove described setting forth the fact that said site has been designated a historic landmark by action of the Raleigh Historic Districts Commission and the City Council of the City of Raleigh provided, should the owners of the hereinabove described property not consent to the erection of said sign on the described premises, City administration and the Raleigh Historic Districts Commission are hereby authorized and directed to have said sign located on the public right-of-way adjacent to said property.

**Section 9.** In the event any building, site, structure, or object designated by this ordinance is demolished in accordance with the ordinances of the City of Raleigh, this ordinance shall automatically be null and void.

**Section 10.** Any violation of this ordinance shall be unlawful as by law provided.

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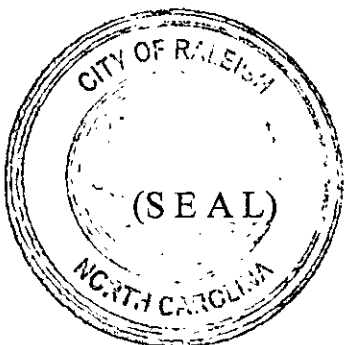
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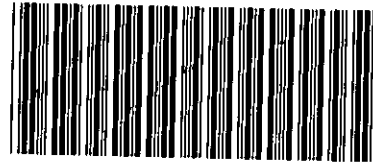
## CERTIFICATION

I, Ralph L. Puccini, Assistant Deputy Clerk of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina,  
do hereby certify that the attached is a true and exact copy of City of Raleigh  
**Ordinance No. (2011) 988** adopted December 6, 2011.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have unto set my hand and have caused the Seal of  
the City of Raleigh to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.



Ralph L. Puccini  
Assistant Deputy Clerk



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