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**ORDINANCE NO. (2009) 636**

**AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE SAINT JAMES AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE PLANNING JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, A HISTORIC LANDMARK**

**WHEREAS**, the property located at 520 Method Road, Raleigh, NC, is owned by Saint James AME Church; 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 4th day of August, 2009, 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 Saint James African Methodist Episcopal Church, 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 520 Method Road, Raleigh, NC, owned by Saint James AME Church, that property described in deed book 03217, page 0332 recorded in Wake County Registry, comprising approximately .36 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 tall one-story Gothic Revival brick church and the approximately .36 acre on which it sits. Saint James AME Church is historically significant as an important example of the spirit of community-building and individual and collective improvement supported by active Method residents and entrepreneurs and as the only church that still occupies its early-twentieth-century structure. The church has architectural significance as a well-preserved example of a stylish church anchoring an African American community in Raleigh. Built of solid red brick masonry, it has an irregular form, a front-gable roof, and a tall tower and steeple on the northeast corner. The original 1923 building is well-preserved and retains much of its original features on the exterior, including its pointed-arch, stained-glass windows, doorways, and brick-framed sign.

**Section 3.** No portion of the exterior features of any 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 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 may be 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.

**Adopted:** September 1, 2009

**Effective:** September 1, 2009

**Distribution:** Department of City Planning  
Inspections Department  
Raleigh Historic Districts Commission  
Wake County Tax Assessor  
Property Owner and Occupant (if not the owner)  
Registrar of Deeds



*City Of Raleigh*  
North Carolina

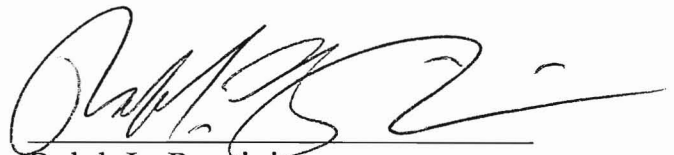
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)  
COUNTY OF WAKE)

**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. (2009) 636** adopted September 1, 2009.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have unto set my hand and have caused the Seal of  
the City of Raleigh to be affixed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 23, 2009.



  
Ralph L. Puccini  
Assistant Deputy Clerk