ORDINANCE NO. 836-A

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE PROPERTY OF NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL BANK, LOCATED AT 11 NEW BERN AVENUE IN THE CITY OF RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, A HISTORIC SITE.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina authorized the creation of a Historic Sites Commission for the City of Raleigh and otherwise provided for the preservation of certain historic sites and buildings by the passage of Chapter 1058 of the 1967 Session Laws of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Raleigh Historic Sites Commission has made an investigation and recommended the following property be designated a Historic Site; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Department of Archives and History has made an analysis and recommendation that the following property be designated a historic site; and

WHEREAS, on the 16th day of April, 1968, a joint public hearing was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, Raleigh, North Carolina, by the Historic Sites Commission and the City Council of the City of Raleigh to determine whether the hereinafter described property should be designated a historic site; and

WHEREAS, said hearing was advertised and the property owners of the property hereinafter described were notified by certified mail of the date and purpose of said public hearing at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for the hearing; and

WHEREAS, all requirements of Chapter 1058 of the 1967 Session Laws of North Carolina, preceding the adoption of this ordinance, have been complied with.

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

Section 1. The property of North Carolina National Bank located at 11 New Bern Avenue in the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, be and is hereby declared a historic site. Said property being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at concrete monument No. 6801 located in the northern technical property line of New Bern Avenue and 105 feet west of the western technical property line of North Blount Street, the southwestern corner of the Capitol Apartments Building property, and runs thence north 6 degrees, 45 minutes east parallel with South Blount Street 105 feet to the southeast corner of Miss Elizabeth M. Montgomery's lot, marked by metal fence post; thence north 83 degrees, 15 minutes west along the Montgomery lot line, passing her corner, 83.5 feet to a point in the Christ Church property; thence south 6 degrees, 45 minutes west, a new line, 105 feet to the north technical property line of New Bern Avenue; thence south 83 degrees, 15 minutes east along the technical north property line of New Bern Avenue (and 49.5 feet from the center thereof) 83.5 feet to the BEGINNING.

- Section 2. No building or structure located on the hereinbefore described site may be demolished or materially altered unless and until a sixty-day (60) written notice to the Historic Sites Commission of the intent to demolish or materially alter said structure, and the elapsing of said sixty-day (60) period.
- Section 3. That all owners and occupants of the property hereinabove described whose identity and addresses can be ascertained by the exercise of due diligence be sent by certified mail a copy of this ordinance.
- Section 4. This ordinance shall be indexed under the property owner's name in the grantor index in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Wake County as provided by Chapter 1058 of the 1967 Session Laws of North Carolina.

Section 5. City administration and the Historic Sites 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 site by action of the Historic Sites 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 Historic Sites Commission are hereby authorized and directed to have said sign located on the public right of way adjacent to said property.

Section 6. Any violation of this ordinance shall be unlawful as by law provided.

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The State Bank of North Carolina was incorporated in 1810, with its central branch in Raleigh and others in Edenton, Wilmington, Fayetteville, New Bern, Tarboro, and Salisbury. During the War of 1812 there was justifiable fear that the British would attack North Carolina's coast and all specie money was moved to the inland State Banks at Raleigh and Tarboro. The main branch at Raleigh was then strengthened sufficiently in 1813 to build the structure now standing on New Bern Avenue. The first president of the State Bank was Colonel William Polk of Revolutionary War fame who also made his home in the bank building. Jacob Johnson, father of Andrew Johnson, served as porter for the bank.

In 1832 the building was taken over by the Bank of State of North Carolina. The Bank of State continued to use the building until it went bankrupt during the Civil War. After the War, on January 3, 1873, the United States District Court, acting upon an insolvency decision, ordered all of the bank's "vaults, effects, building, and lands" to be turned over to Christ Church which stood on contiguous property, for their purchase price of \$9,925. From 1873 until 1951 the building was used by Christ Church as its rectory. From 1951 to 1968 the building was used for other church functions. In 1968 The North Carolina National Bank obtained title to the structure in order to use it as a downtown branch of its bank. In the same year N.C.N.B. moved the structure 100 feet southeast of its original position, placed it upon a new foundation, and undertook the necessary renovations.

The North Carolina State Bank is significant as an early commercial structure which has survived and is once again functioning as originally intended.

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