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ORDINANCE NO. (2014) 327

**AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE MECCA IN THE PLANNING JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, A HISTORIC LANDMARK**

**WHEREAS**, the property located at 13 East Martin Street, Raleigh, NC, is owned by Floye Dombalis; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina authorized the creation of the Raleigh Historic Development 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 Development 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 3rd day of June 2014, 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 Development 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 The Mecca, 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 13 East Martin Street, Raleigh, NC, owned by Floye Dombalis, that property described in deed book 5238, page 0931 recorded in Wake County Registry, comprising approximately .03 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 c. 1880 two story, two bay, painted brick commercial building and the approximately .03 acre upon which it sits. The Mecca at 13 East Martin Street is historically and culturally significant for three reasons—it is an extant nineteenth century commercial building in current use with strong integrity from the 1930s and 1950s. It represents the path of entrepreneurialism for many Greek immigrants in the early twentieth century through the ownership and operation of a restaurant, which in this case reaches to a fourth generation. It is a significant meeting place for the business and political leadership of the city of Raleigh and the State of North Carolina.**

**The facade at the south has a central, single leaf entrance flanked by fixed, plate glass display windows. At the entrance are inlaid hexagonal tiles – a field of white with the word “MECCA” set in green hex tiles. The second floor has two masonry openings, each with three course rowlock arches above and wooden sills. The eastern frame contains paired, twelve-light wooden casement windows and the western a twenty-four light window. Above the windows are several corbelled courses above which is a brick panel with a smaller corbelled cornice atop it. Perpendicular to the façade and affixed to it between the windows and in the panel between the corbelled courses is a red metal neon sign. The word “MECCA” is spelled horizontally in green in a cross bar at the top and the red word “RESTAURANT” vertically centered below it.**

**A detailed architectural description and history is found in the 2014 Raleigh Historic Landmark designation application and report and is hereby referenced.**

**Section 3.** No portion of the exterior features of any building, site, structure, or object (including windows, doors, walls, fences, light fixtures, signs, 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 Development 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 Development Commission.

**Section 4.** No building, site, structure, or object (including windows, doors, walls, fences, light fixtures, steps, pavement, paths, signs, 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 Development 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 Development 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 Development 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 Development 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 Development 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 Development 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:** July 1, 2014

**Effective:** July 1, 2014

**Distribution:** Department of City Planning  
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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. (2014) 327** adopted July 1, 2014.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have unto set my hand and have caused the Seal of  
the City of Raleigh to be affixed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2014.

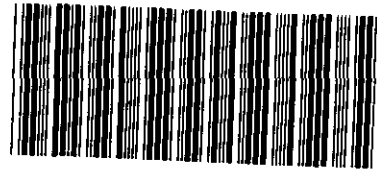


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