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Ordinance Establishing the McAdoo-Sanders-Tatum House, 303 Wentworth Drive as a Guilford County Historic Landmark

Department: Planning  
Council District: 3

Public Hearing: Yes  
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**PURPOSE:**

Conduct a public hearing to consider historic landmark designation of the McAdoo-Sanders-Tatum House located at 303 Wentworth Drive.

**BACKGROUND:**

At their April 19, 2015 meeting, the Guilford County Historic Preservation Commission unanimously recommended historic landmark designation for the lot located at 303 Wentworth Drive, and exterior and interior features of the home known as the McAdoo-Sanders-Tatum house.

Constructed around 1913, the McAdoo-Sanders-Tatum House is one of the oldest and most architecturally significant homes in the Irving Park National Register Historic District. With its Craftsman- and Prairie-style features, the home stands out in a neighborhood dominated by Colonial and Tudor Revival styles.

A number of prominent businessmen made this property their home, including W. D. McAdoo who owned one of Greensboro's finest hotels at the turn-of-the twentieth century, hotelier J.P. Sanders, Benton Tatum local business man and real estate developer, and Pierce Rucker, a cotton broker. The house has been renovated twice, once in 1999 and again in 2014. In each instance, great care was taken to ensure that significant architectural features were preserved.

Landmark designation makes the property owner eligible for a deferral of up to 50% of City and County property taxes. Before a Landmark property can be materially altered or demolished, the owner must obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Guilford County Historic Preservation Commission. Demolition cannot be prevented but it can be delayed for up to 365 days.

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

The total appraised value of the property is 1,277,700. If approved, the tax deferral will be calculated by the Guilford County Tax Department based on the percentage of the structure and property included in the designation.

**RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:**

Following the public hearing, Council is requested to adopt the ordinance establishing Historic Landmark Designation for the McAdoo-Sanders-Tatum House, 303 Wentworth Drive.