



**RESOLUTION TITLE: HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION: AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE S.J. AND OLLIE DURHAM HOUSE, BESSEMER CITY, CROWDERS MOUNTAIN TOWNSHIP, GASTON COUNTY AS A HISTORIC PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, all the prerequisites to the adoption of this ordinance prescribed in Part 4, Article 9, Chapter 160D of the General Statutes of North Carolina have been met; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of Bessemer City has taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at the public hearing held with the Gaston County Historic Preservation Commission on the 14th day of November 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Gaston County has also taken into full consideration statements and information presented at a public hearing held with the Gaston County Historic Preservation Commission on the 13th day of December 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the structure known as the S.J. and Ollie Durham House, located at 223 West Alabama Avenue, stands as a unique example of a free classic, Queen Anne Victorian style home associated with the prominent Durham family; and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Historic Preservation Commission has demonstrated the historic significance of the building and property and the North Carolina Department of Archives and History has given its suggestions to the nomination of the S.J and Ollie Durham House.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners:

1. That the building and property known as the S.J. and Ollie Durham House located at 223 West Alabama Avenue, Bessemer City, Crowders Mountain Township, North Carolina, is hereby designated as historic property pursuant to Part 4, Article 9, Chapter 160D of the General Statutes of North Carolina. For the purpose of description only, described as following:

BEGINNING at a new iron pin at the intersection of the southern line of the intersection of the 80' right of way of Alabama Avenue with the eastern line of the 60' right of way of 14<sup>th</sup> Street, said pin also being the northwestern corner of Lot Number 1, Block 115 of

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

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the Town of Bessemer City, Plat Book 1 at page 75, and runs thence with the southern line of Alabama Avenue South 76-31-54 East 244.31 feet to an existing iron pin, northeast corner of Lot Number 10, Block 115; thence with the eastern boundary of Lots Numbers 10 and 39, South 13-43-31 West 340.00 feet to a new iron pin, located in the center of a closed street formerly known as Georgia Avenue; thence with the center line of the closed street formerly known as Georgia Avenue North 77-3-24 West 242.90 feet to an existing iron pin in the eastern line of 14<sup>th</sup> Street; thence with the eastern line of 14<sup>th</sup> Street North 13-29-7 East 342.22 feet to the point and place of beginning, said description containing the full contents of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, and 48 of Block 115 of Bessemer City, Plat Book 1 at Page 71, and a 20' closed alley between the aforementioned lots and the northern one-half of a section of Georgia Avenue which has been closed, containing 1.9076 acres, more or less. as described in Deed Book 4917, page 100.

The above description is taken from a survey by David W. Dickson, Registered Surveyor, dated December 22, 1999, for Kenneth Albert Lamar and wife, Glenda Mariney Lamar.

Being a portion of the property conveyed to Glenda Lamar by deed dated May 22, 2017, and recorded on June 14, 2017, in Deed Book 4917 on Page 100 in the Gaston County Registry.

2. That said building and property may not be demolished, materially altered, remodeled, or removed until three hundred sixty-five days' written notice of the owner's proposed action has been given to the Gaston County Historic Preservation Commission.
3. That nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prevent ordinary maintenance or repair of any architectural exterior feature in or on the said building or property that does not involve a change in design, material, or other appearance thereof, nor to prevent the construction, reconstruction, alteration, restoration, demolition, or removal of any such feature when a building inspector or similar official certifies to the Commission that said action is required for the public safety because of an unsafe condition. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the property owners from making any use of this property not prohibited by any other statutes, ordinances, or regulations.
4. That a suitable sign shall be posted indicating the said building and property designation as historic property and containing any other appropriate information. If the owner consents, the sign shall be placed upon the said building or property. If the owner objects, the sign will be placed on a nearby public right-of-way.
5. That the owner and occupant of the building and property known as the S.J. and Ollie Durham House of Bessemer City, Crowder's Mountain Township be given notice of this ordinance as required by applicable law and that copies of this ordinance be filed and indexed in the offices of the County Clerk, Gaston County Register of Deeds, Building Inspection Department, and Tax Supervisor as required by law.

Certification

I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and accurate copy of *An Ordinance Designating the S.J. and Ollie Durham House, Bessemer City, Crowder's Mountain Township, Gaston County as a Historic Property* as adopted by the Board of Commissioners on December 13, 2022.

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Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board

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