

**RESOLUTION #2020-01
FOR THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE
BALTIMORE SCHOOL HOUSE
IN
CRAMERTON, NORTH CAROLINA
AS A HISTORIC PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, all the prerequisites to the adoption of this ordinance prescribed in Part 3C, Article 19, Chapter 160A of the general statutes of North Carolina have been met; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cramerton has taken into full consideration all statements and information presented by the Gaston County Historic Preservation Commission as of the 23rd day of January, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gaston County will also take into full consideration statements and information presented at a joint public hearing held with the Gaston County Preservation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the structure known as the Baltimore School located at 575 Baltimore Drive and is part of the historically African American neighborhood known as the Baltimore Community, built by Stuart W. Cramer between 1925 and 1930, for African American men who worked at the Cramer's dairy farm, orchards, and large vegetable gardens, and African American women who performed domestic work for families in the area; 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 approved the nomination of the Baltimore School House.

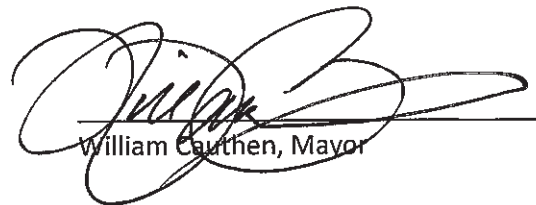
NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED by the Cramerton Board of Commissioners:

1. That the Baltimore School is located at 575 Baltimore Drive in Cramerton, North Carolina, Gaston County, and is hereby designated as historic property pursuant to Part 3C, Article 19, Chapter 160A of the General Statutes of North Carolina. The parcel ID number is 195967. The property is located in the South Point Township in Gaston County and the value of the property is \$7,000.00 and the value of building is \$3,750.00.
2. That said building and property may not be demolished, materially altered, remodeled, or removed until three hundred sixty-five (365) 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 in the said building or property that does not involve a change in design, material, or other appearance therefore, 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's 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 of building and property known as the Baltimore School of Cramerton 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.

Approved this 23rd day of January, 2020.



William Cauthen, Mayor

ATTEST



Wilene L. Cunningham, Town Clerk

