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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE,
NORTH CAROLINA, RECOGNIZING APPROVING AND SPONSORING THE
HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF AND MEMORIALIZING THE SITE OF THE
SIGNING OF THE MECKLENBURG DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

WHEREAS, on May 20, 1775, at the intersection of Tryon and Trade Streets in the City of Charlotte, State of North Carolina, a delegation of pioneers of Mecklenburg County met and signed a Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence from England; and

WHEREAS, this brave act preceded by more than a year the Declaration of Independence adopted on July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, while the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence was destroyed in a fire, the historical fact of the document has been acknowledged and honored on the flag and on the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina and on the seal and the flag of the City of Charlotte by placing on each the date, May 20, 1775, and by the Congress of the United States in 1819 by declaring Mecklenburg the "Cradle of American Liberty;" and

WHEREAS, a number of individuals and certain organizations, such as the Mecklenburg Historical Association, have for years worked toward recognition and honor being paid to the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte has honored the occasion with several great celebrations and by naming Independence Square, Independence Boulevard, Independence Park, Freedom Drive, Freedom Park, and Revolution Park, to commemorate the occasion; and

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WHEREAS, all of the land adjacent to the intersection of Tryon and Trade Streets has for many years been occupied by private commercial uses preventing the proper development of an historical site to commemorate the signing of this momentous document; and

WHEREAS, the block immediately southeast of the corner of Trade and Tryon Streets is within the Downtown Urban Renewal Area, Project No. N. C. A-3, and the private development now on the site, except for one building, will be entirely demolished and redeveloped; and

WHEREAS, if land within that area is not set aside to honor and memorialize this historic occasion, such land would not be again available in the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting, proper and timely that a portion of this hallowed ground at the intersection of Trade and Tryon Streets, for years known as Independence Square, be set aside, developed and beautified to commemorate and memorialize the historic event.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE THAT:

1. That the brave act of the men who signed the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence on May 20, 1775, should be recognized and memorialized.
2. That the City of Charlotte hereby approves and sponsors the reservation of a parcel of land at the southeast corner of

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Tryon and Trade Streets within the Downtown Urban Renewal Project Area to be suitably developed as a plaza to commemorate and memorialize the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence on May 20, 1775.

Read, approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlotte North Carolina, in regular session convened on the 6th day of March, 1972, the reference having been made in Minutes Book 56, and recorded in full in Resolutions Book 8, beginning on Page 77.

Ruth Armstrong
City Clerk

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND
OF CERTAIN TAXES

Reference is made to the schedule of "Taxpayers and Refunds Requested" attached to the Docket for consideration of the City Council. On the basis of that schedule, which is incorporated herein, the following facts are found:

1. The City-County Tax Collector collected taxes from the taxpayers set out on the list attached to the Docket.
2. The City-County Tax Collector has certified that those taxpayers made demand in writing for refund of the amounts set out on the schedule within eight years from the date the amounts were due to be paid.
3. The amounts listed on the schedule were collected through clerical error or by a tax illegally levied and assessed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session assembled this 6th day of March, 1972, that those taxpayers listed on the schedule of "Taxpayers and Refunds Requested", be refunded the amounts therein set out and that the schedule and this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

Approved as to form:

Henry W. Underhill Jr.
City Attorney

Read, approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened on the 6th day of March, 1972, the reference having been made in Minute Book 56, and recorded in full in Resolutions Book 8, at Page 80.

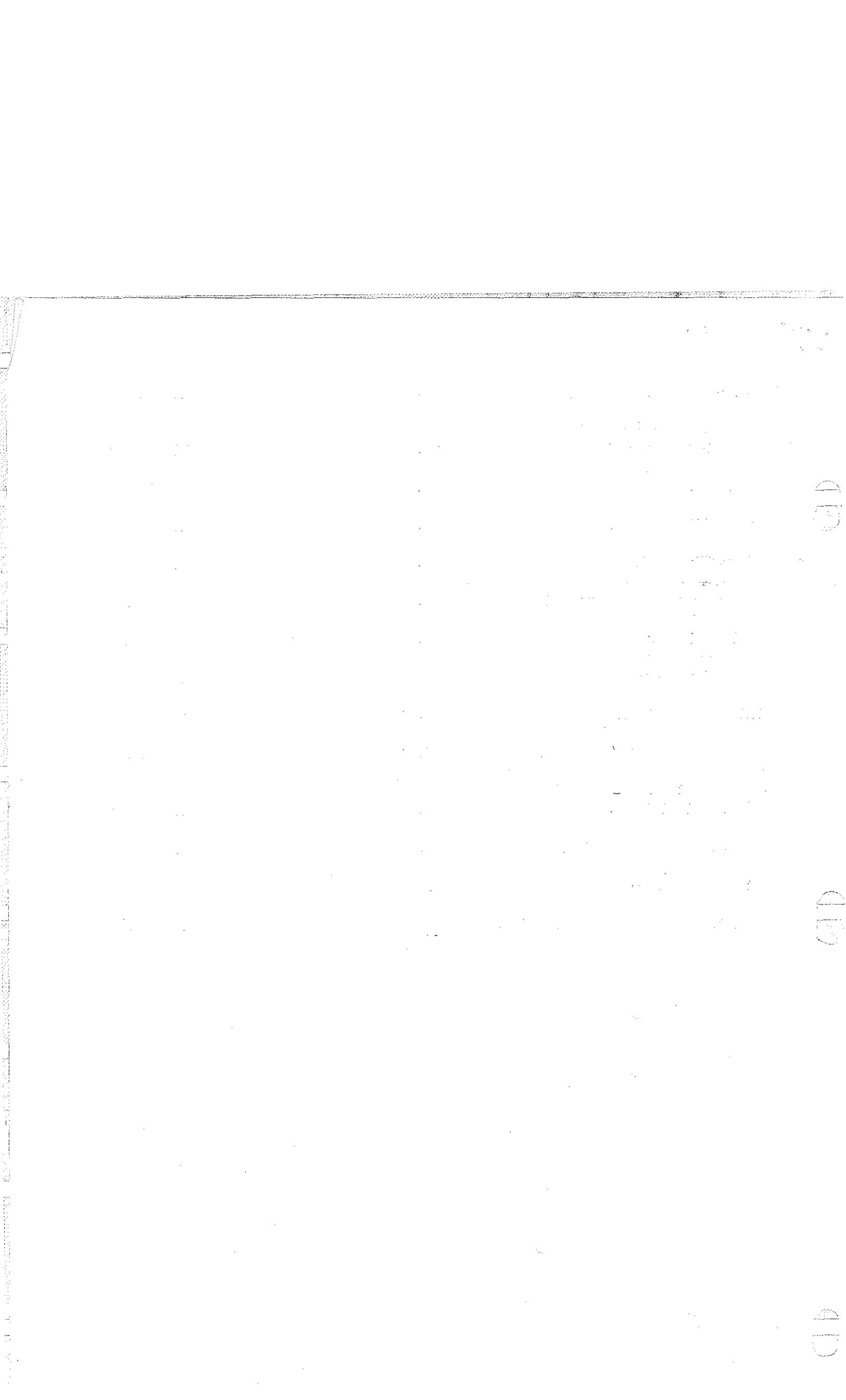
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TAXPAYERS AND REFUNDS REQUESTED

NAME	AMOUNT OF REFUND REQUESTED	REASON
Sandra H. Brown	24.19	Clerical error
Calvine Scott Burnett	17.25	Clerical error
Calvine Scott Burnett	28.41	Clerical error
Calvine Scott Burnett	10.23	Clerical error
Michael J. Castano and wife, Mary W. Castano	27.20	Clerical error
George Whitfield Crews, Jr. and wife, Virginia M. Crews	257.67	Illegal levy
May Anna Honeycutt	10.91	Illegal levy
Harold D. Hout and wife, Mary K. Hout	32.15	Clerical error
Julia Scott Smith	17.42	Clerical error
Julia Scott Smith	28.70	Clerical error
Julia Scott Smith	10.33	Clerical error
Julia Scott Smith	6.94	Clerical error
Charlotte Opera Association, Inc.	410.75	Illegal levy
Concrete Enterprises, Inc.	75.04	Illegal levy
Lee Fleet Management, Inc.	17.61	Clerical error
Southland Authorized Rebuilders, Inc.	225.91	Illegal levy
Southside Pool Room	2.02	Clerical error
John Thomasson Construction Company, Inc.	242.17	Illegal levy
Highlands Hotel Company	189.81	Illegal levy



Highlands Hotel Company	11.41	Illegal levy
James J. Harris and wife, Angelia M. Harris	576.13	Illegal levy
Wheels, Inc.	20.66	Clerical error
Luther Wilburn Bailey	22.10	Illegal levy
Richard Van Childress	25.68	Illegal levy
Bernard Zigmond Czartoski	45.36	Illegal levy
Bradley Fincher	18.87	Clerical error
Sherron Bradbury Guthrie	1.10	Illegal levy
William Edgar Holly	55.87	Illegal levy
Mrs. N. M. Craig (Dora Allen)	25.77	Illegal levy
George Whitfield Crews, Jr. and wife, Virginia M. Crews	234.57	Illegal levy
Charlotte Opera Association, Inc.	354.82	Illegal levy
Southside Pool Room	2.24	Clerical error
Charlotte Opera Association, Inc.	<u>325.13</u>	Illegal levy
	\$ 3,354.42	



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RESOLUTION APPROVING THIRD YEAR ACTION PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO GRANT AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS the comprehensive city demonstration program (herein referred to as the "Comprehensive Program") for the model neighborhood of the City of Charlotte was approved by resolution adopted December 2, 1968; and

WHEREAS a grant agreement with the United States of America was executed on June 9, 1969 providing for Federal financial assistance under Title I of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966; and

WHEREAS amendments to the Comprehensive Program were approved by resolution adopted February 22, 1971; and

WHEREAS the submission to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (herein called the "Secretary") of a proposed Third Year Action Program, amended in said Comprehensive Program, was authorized by resolution adopted November 8, 1971; and

WHEREAS the Secretary has approved a Third Year Action Program and has tendered a revised grant budget providing for an additional grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina that:

Sec. 1. The Third Year Action Program (which is attached hereto and made a part hereof) including the projects and activities described herein and set forth in the revised grant budget tendered by the Secretary, is hereby approved and the Comprehensive Program is deemed amended thereby.

Sec. 2. The Mayor is authorized to accept the revised grand budget (which is attached hereto and made of part hereof).

Sec. 3. The City Council assumes full responsibility for assuring that all grant funds will be used in an economical and efficient manner in carrying out the Comprehensive Program, as amended, and assures the necessary non-Federal share of the cost of Program Administration.

Sec. 4. The Mayor is authorized to do all things necessary to carry out the Comprehensive Program, including the submission of such reports, certifications, and other material as the Secretary shall require [and the approval from time to time of revisions in the grant budget, including revisions which increase the total Federal grant and the necessary non-Federal share of the cost of Program Administration].

Sec. 5. The Director of Finance or his successor or delegate may do all things required to be done in order to obtain payment of the grant, including but not limited to the selection of a commercial bank to receive payment vouchers, the submission of signature specimens, and the filing of requests for payment.

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Ruth Armstrong
City Clerk