RESOLUTION NO. 2045-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING AND DESIGNATING VIRGINIA HEIGHTS EAST AS A HISTORIC DISTRICT IN THE WINTER PARK REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.

WHEREAS, the City of Winter Park has provided a procedure to establish historic districts and that the purpose of such districts are to preserve an ensemble of historic buildings, streets, sites, monuments, areas and neighborhoods which recall the City's history, and promote the general welfare, economic well-being, education, and culture by encouraging interest in the city's rich cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the area identified as Virginia Heights East is one of Winter Park's older and architecturally diverse neighborhoods, having first been subdivided for residential development in 1922 during the early days of the Florida Land Boom period. The area was identified as a potential historic district in the 1986 and the 2001 architectural resources surveys. The significant historic architectural styles within the district include, but are not limited to, Bungalow, Mediterranean Revival, Tudor Revival, Colonial Revival, and Minimal Traditional; and

WHEREAS, the historic preservation ordinance seeks to protect and preserve the elements that contribute to the architectural and historic significance of the neighborhood including but not limited to: distinguishing historic material, distinctive stylistic architectural features, examples of skilled craftsmanship, and significant historical architectural or cultural material; and

WHEREAS, the historical and architectural significance of Virginia Heights East has been achieved over time, and the growth and development of the neighborhood is part of the history of the City of Winter Park, which is worthy of recognition. This resolution seeks to maintain and preserve what is unique to the neighborhood by providing for future development that is compatible with the surrounding structures and neighborhood, assure that changes within the neighborhood will be harmonious with the historic character of the structures and environment of the Virginia Heights East Historic District, instill confidence in property owners to invest in their property since they know the district is locally protected, and instill pride in the community which in turn is reflected in the care of property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 58, Article VIII of the City of Winter Park Land Development Code, the City Commission, upon recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission determines that the properties described in Exhibit "B" should be established as a historic district; and

WHEREAS, the prerequisites to establishment of the historic district are set in Chapter 58, Article VIII, Division 3 and have been accomplished as follows:

- A. A petition signed by over 20% of the Virginia Heights Neighborhood Association was submitted to the Historic Preservation Commission on July 9, 2008, and
- B. Meetings and conferences were facilitated for the property owners in the proposed district, and
- C. A favorable vote representing the ownership of two-thirds of the properties within the proposed Virginia Heights East Historic District was received, and
- D. A historic designation report was mailed to the property owners and presented to the Historic Preservation Commission at a public hearing on January 13, 2010., and
- E. The Historic Preservation Commission found that Virginia Heights East Historic District met the criteria set forth in Chapter 58, Article VIII, Section 58-456 with the removal of one property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Winter Park that:

- 1. The City Commission of the City of Winter Park hereby approves the designation of Virginia Heights East as a historic district on the Winter Park Register of Historic Places.
- 2. The Virginia Heights East Historic District shall include the properties as described on Exhibit B.

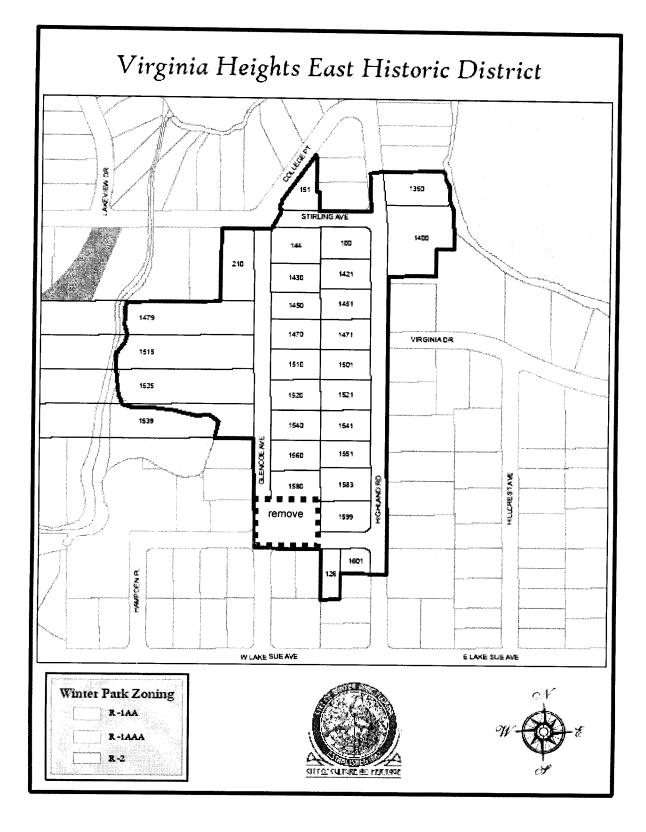
ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Winter Park held in City Hall, Winter Park on this <u>22nd</u> day of <u>February</u> 2010.

Kenneth W. Bradley, Mayor

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EXHIBIT B



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