

A RESOLUTION APPROVING/DENYING AN APPLICATION FOR A MONUMENT
Resolution No. 42/2009-10

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen received a monument application from Veronica Garcia Leon in honor of her deceased mother, Amparo Leon de Garcia

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CARRBORO BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Section 1. The Board of Alderman discussed whether an application for a monument is consistent with the guidelines of Policy for Monuments Located on Town Property.

Section 2. The Board of Alderman approves/denies the installation of this monument.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.



**OFFICIAL TOWN POLICY AND APPLICATION FORM
FOR MONUMENTS LOCATED
ON TOWN PROPERTY**

**POLICY FOR
MONUMENTS
LOCATED ON TOWN
PROPERTY**

1. Definitions.

For purposes of this policy, the term "monument" shall mean any plaque, statue, structure, tree, shrub, landscaping, or other object or thing constructed, erected, planted, or otherwise located on town-owned or leased property (and intended to remain on such property on a long-term basis) to commemorate or memorialize any person, place, or event. Historical markers erected by or with the authorization of the N.C. Department of Transportation within State maintained rights-of-way are exempted from this policy.

2. Origination of Proposals for Monuments

Proposals for the erection of a monument may come to the Board of Aldermen in any of the following ways:

- (a) A member of the Board of Aldermen may suggest the monument.
- (b) An advisory board may make such a recommendation.
- (c) Any Carrboro citizen or group of citizens may request that a monument be erected. Such requests shall be submitted in writing and shall describe the type of monument requested, the proposed location, and the justification for the monument. The town may establish an application form that must be completed.

3. Staff Review of Proposals for Monuments

The Board may refer any request for the erection of a monument to the staff for an analysis of the extent to which the proposed monument is consistent with the guidelines established in Section 4 of this policy.

4. Guidelines for Review of Proposals for Monuments

In deciding whether to approve a proposed monument, the Board shall consider the following, in addition to any other matters that the Board deems relevant:

- (a) The general or local significance or prominence of the person, place, or event commemorated or memorialized.
- (b) Whether the person, place, or event commemorated or memorialized is significant, important, or relevant to the public generally, as opposed to a small group of persons.
- (c) Whether the monument's proposed location will be compatible with its surroundings.
- (d) The enduring quality and character of the materials used to create the monument.
- (e) The cost to the town of constructing, erecting, locating, and maintaining the monument.

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| APPLICATION FORM FOR A MONUMENT ON CARRBORO TOWN PROPERTY |
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The Carrboro Board of Aldermen has the sole authority to approve the establishment, maintenance and production of those things which merit designation as monuments for the use, education, and view of the general public in order to remind the citizens of this community, its visitors and tourists of the rich historic, cultural and natural heritage of the Town.

In order to adopt a uniform methodology, the Board of Aldermen has adopted the attached "Policy for Monuments Located on Town Property." This application provides the format for submittal of the information required by the policy.

Name(s) of Individual(s) or Group Making Application:

Contact Address: 11 Bluff trl Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Contact Telephone: 919- 69722 48

Contact Email: vlgarcialeon@hotmail.com

This is a proposal to place a monument in honor of:

_____ Amparo Leon de Garcia An individual Wilson Park A place In memory of my
lovely mother__An event

Name and/or description of individual, place, or event to be memorialized:

Please include here any statement about his / her / its significance or contribution to the community and/or why you believe this monument should be established.

This monument, although it will be planted in honor of my mother, carries a much broader significance for all the Carrboro citizens who have immigrated to this community from all over the globe. For many of us who were born in another country, the United States can be a very intimidating and sometimes unwelcoming place. Carrboro is a unique community where people of different colors, traditions and languages meld together in celebration of diversity rather than in spite of it.

I came to the US in 2006, leaving my mother, father, and three siblings in Peru. I have a degree in journalism from my country; however, I sought a college degree from the US and fluency in English, knowing that with these two in hand the world would be full of opportunity. Until two months ago, I had not seen my mother since I left home. We talked daily – multiple times! – and she always encouraged me to work hard, be honest, and follow my heart.

My mother came to visit two months ago. Her health was not good, and I saw that she was suffering. When she left to return to Peru, I knew in my heart that I might never see her again. Yet she looked me in the eye and instructed me to finish what I had started, not to return to Peru until I had my degree. My mother passed away two weeks after she left me. I yearned to return home, to be with family, but my family and friends reminded me of my mother's wish for me to

stay, not to risk losing my student visa status, not to risk losing my chance for a better future. Painfully, I remained here, where I was supported by my friends in the community.

We international students and immigrants to the US sacrifice contact with our families for long periods of time in exchange for hope of a better education, a brighter future, an open door of opportunity. My mother was supportive of that dream, and I know many in Carrboro who live as I do honor that dream as well. This tree that I wish to plant in honor of my mother will symbolize the love of families far away for all Carrboro citizens. The strength of its roots will grow the longer it survives, like the strength of our loved ones who support us so that we may grow and thrive.

If an individual, is this person living?

She passed away on September 3th, 2009

If the individual is living, do you have the person's permission to pursue the placement of this monument?

None

If the individual is living, please list their address and telephone number below:

She passed away.

If the individual is deceased, do you have the permission of the immediate family? (please list name and contact information of person(s) who gave permission as well as what their relationship to the deceased is).

I am her daughter.

Veronica Garcia 919- 697 2248

Describe the materials, size, and general nature of the proposed monument:

(if a photograph, drawing, or other rendering of the proposed monument is available, that may suffice)

I plan to plant a tree, one that meets the Carrboro City specifications and will grow and thrive for many years to come.

Describe the proposed location of the monument, including any special significance of this location: (a sketch showing the proposed location of the monument is helpful)

My mother felt her best in Wilson Park, when she came to visit me. She felt it was the most beautiful place she had seen, so this is where I would like her monument to reside.

List any text that will be included as part of the monument (if any):

None

Describe any cost that would be incurred by the Town of Carrboro in the purchase, erection, or maintenance of the proposed monument (beyond normal maintenance of the area where the monument will be located).

None. I will incur the cost of the tree itself and the planting of the tree. I will do the necessary watering of the tree until it is well established and no longer needs routine watering. If for whatever reason the tree does not take to the land, I will have it removed.

If the monument will require maintenance but the Town is not being asked to maintain it, who will provide for the maintenance of the monument?

_VERONICA GARCIA LEON_____October,12 of 2009

Signature of Person Submitting Application

Date

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO:

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
CARRBORO TOWN HALL
301 WEST MAIN STREET
CARRBORO, NC 27510