On May 4, 2022, the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission ("Commission") conducted, in the above referenced matter, a public hearing in accordance with the statutes and case law pertaining to quasi-judicial proceedings for the issuance of certificates of appropriateness. During the hearing, Michelle McCullough, Historic Resources Officer, presented the staff report, findings, and recommendation. Vic Salem, on behalf of the applicant, appeared to present testimony and evidence in support of the application. No one appeared to present testimony and evidence in opposition to the application.

After presentation of all testimony and evidence, the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission, based upon the evidence presented in the application and during the hearing, finds that the proposed project is incongruous with the character of the Local Historic Landmark because:

1) The applicant proposes to replace two panels in two existing, backlit metal sign cabinets. The panels will be 48” x 72.75” acrylic signs backlit by the cabinets. The signs that existed prior to landmark designation were not compatible with the landmark building in terms of style, time period, materials, and design. It is not appropriate to introduce new panels that are made of contemporary materials that are incompatible with the character of the landmark. (Signage, Landmark Standard 5)

2) The proposed signs will be internally backlit. Contemporary internally illuminated signage is not compatible with the landmark building. (Signage, Landmark Standard 8)

Based on the preceding findings, the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission hereby denies COA2022-029 at the Twin City Motor Company Building, Local Historic Landmark #142, located at 633 North Liberty Street, Winston-Salem (PIN 6835-28-2505).

This the fifth day of May, 2022.

Mary Catherine Berry, Chair
Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission