

**Minor Work Approval and Other Requests Report  
Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission  
February 1, 2023**

The following Minor Work applications have been reviewed and approved by Commission staff from December 14, 2022, to January 11, 2023.

1. **COA2023-004**  
**Right-of-way in front of 916 South Main Street, Winston-Salem**  
**Volz House (LHL 14)**  
**Old Salem Historic District #96**  
**Request: Removal of a dying redbud tree**

*Old Salem Historic District Guide to the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) Process and Design Review Standards: Standard 6 of the Site Features and Plantings section*

The applicant proposes to remove a dying redbud in the right-of-way in front of the Volz House. The City's Urban Forester and staff reviewed the tree on September 12, 2022, and below are the comments from the Urban Forester's report.

There is a small, dying redbud in the City of ROW at this location. Significant dieback is note in the crown and decay is noted in the crown and decay fungus is evident on the trunk and primary limbs.

Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the District and is in keeping with the character of the District.

2. **COA2023-005**  
**Right-of-way on Old Salem Road, Winston-Salem**  
**Old Salem Historic District**  
**Request: Removal of nine (9) dead, dying, diseased, or hazardous trees including one (1) loblolly pine tree, three (3) Mulberry trees, three (3) redbud trees, one (1) ash tree, and one (1) cedar tree**

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The applicant proposes to remove nine (9) dead, dying, diseased, or hazardous trees including one (1) loblolly pine tree, three (3) Mulberry trees, three (3) redbud trees, one (1) ash tree, and one (1) cedar tree in the right-of-way on Old Salem Road in the Old Salem Historic District. The City's Vegetation Management staff and historic resources staff reviewed the trees on December 14, 2022, and below are the comments from the Acting Urban Forester's report.

These trees came to our attention after a walkthrough of the area with a Duke Energy representative. Duke Energy is getting ready to cut back the trees along this circuit and the trees noted below will be heavily pruned. It is my opinion, looking at the abuse they will receive from clearing of the lines and the current shape these trees are in, they be removed by the contractor. All these trees mentioned are in a current state of decline, expedited by heavy "pruning" by the power company to clear the overhead lines. These trees are mature with very heavy limbs on primarily one side of the trees and the tops of these trees have been removed. The decay in the trunks, caused primarily by improper cuts on the limbs and trunks, aid to the poor branch unions and the increased probability of limb breakage. There are several "targets" surrounding these trees that would suffer greatly should any of these limbs break.

Upon consideration, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the District and is in keeping with the character of the District.

**3. COA2023-006**  
**Right-of-way on Old Salem Road, Winston-Salem**  
**Old Salem Historic District**  
**Request: Removal of seven (7) dying or hazardous willow oak trees**

*Old Salem Historic District Guide to the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) Process and Design Review Standards: Standard 6 of the Site Features and Plantings section*

The applicant proposes to remove seven (7) dying or hazardous willow oak trees in the right-of-way on Old Salem Road in the Old Salem Historic District. The City's Acting Urban Forester and historic resources staff reviewed the trees on December 20, 2022, and below are the comments from the Acting Urban Forester's report.

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Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the District and is in keeping with the character of the District.

**4. COA2023-008**  
**Twin City Motor Company Building**  
**Local Historic Landmark #142**  
**633 North Liberty Street, Winston-Salem**  
**Request: Installation of new concrete patios, metal fencing and gates, parged deck with steps and railing**

*Forsyth County Design Review Standards for Local Historic Landmarks: Standards 7 and 8 of the Walkways, Driveways, and On-Site Parking section, Standards 7 and 8 of the Fences and Walls section, and Standards 1-7 of the Accessibility, Life Safety, and Code Requirements section*

The applicant proposes to install a parged deck with railing adjacent to the existing southern door to meet current building codes. The deck will be 6.5'x10.5' with a concrete pad and concrete steps that lead to the ground. The deck will have a black metal railing that is 42" high that encloses the concrete pad adjacent to the door and runs along the stairs. There will be four concrete patio areas installed adjacent to the western side of the south elevation. The patio where the new concrete stairs land will be at grade. The remaining three patios will be terraced with a 14" rise for each area, ending flush with the level of the sidewalk. The patio area will be partially enclosed by a black metal fence that is 36" high. A fifth concrete patio will be installed near the center of the south elevation. There will also be two movable gates installed across the parking lot on a portion of the landmark property. The gates will match the black metal railing in material and style. Upon consideration of the proposed work, staff believes the work as proposed meets the *Standards* for the Landmark and is in keeping with the character of the Landmark.