

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

RE: CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT OF THE PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE 1961, JUNE 13, P.L. 282 (53 SECTION 8004) AND BETHLEHEM ORDINANCE NO. 3952 AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, it is proposed to secure a COA to rehabilitate the building façades at 211 Mechanic Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bethlehem that a Certificate of Appropriateness is hereby granted for the proposal.

Sponsored by: (s)_____

(s)_____

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL THIS DAY OF , 2026.

(s)_____
President of Council

ATTEST:

(s)_____
City Clerk

HISTORIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION

CASE #882 -- The Applicant proposes to rehabilitate the building façades at 211 Mechanic Street.

OWNER / APPLICANT: Scott Bartkus, 210 East Third Street, LLC / Brett Webber, Brett Webber Architects

The Commission upon motion by Mr. Chambers and seconded by Mr. Simonson adopted the proposal that City Council issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed work as presented, with modifications described herein:

1. The proposal to rehabilitate the building façades was presented by Scott Bartkus and Brett Webber.
2. Appropriate details for façade rehabilitation include re-stuccoing entire structure after removing areas of loose stucco and conducting needed repairs before applying final coat for overall uniform appearance.

Note: The Applicant agreed to return to HCC with written specifications and materials samples of various proposed building products for subsequent assessment, including but not limited to: folding storefront assembly, exterior doors, windows, lighting fixtures, metal railing system, greenscreen mesh panel system.

The motion was unanimously approved, with Mr. Chambers, Mr. Evans, Mr. Lader, Mr. Simonson and Ms. Strasser voting in favor of the motion. Based upon the oral report made by the Historic Officer and the presentation of the Applicant, the Commission found that the proposal adheres to Bethlehem Ordinance 1714.03 ‘Purposes of the Historic Conservation District’ and to Historic Conservation Commission ‘Design Guidelines’ (relevant pages concerning Masonry) and also complies with the following Secretary of Interior’s Standard (SIS) for Rehabilitation:

- SIS 9. -- New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

JBL: jbl

Date of Meeting: May 18, 2026

By: 
Title: Historic Officer