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 install signage for a new commercial tenant, including two new flush stud-mounted signs and a new hanging blade sign using the existing mounting bracket at 3 West Morton 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 #891 -- The Applicant proposes to install signage for a new commercial tenant, including two new flush stud-mounted signs and a new hanging blade sign using the existing mounting bracket at 3 West Morton Street.

OWNER / APPLICANT: Amicus FBB, LLC / Andrew Underwood

The Commission upon motion by Mr. Chambers and seconded by Mr. Evans 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 install signage for a new commercial tenant, including two new flush stud-mounted signs and a new hanging blade sign using the existing mounting bracket, was presented by Andrew Underwood.
2. Appropriate details for new signage at east façade facing South New Street include:
    a. stud-mounted signage with large, bold, serif, all upper-case lettering with words “ZEN CAFE” followed on second text line by words “AT AMICUS” in medium, sans serif, all upper-case lettering
    b. overall dimensions are approx. 23-inches tall x 120-inches wide, with signage centered within existing sign band
    c. individual letters are flush-mounted into existing EIFS using 3/16-inch threaded studs; all letters are 1/2-inch-thick dimensional acrylic lettering with black finish
3. Appropriate details for new signage at south façade facing West Morton Street include:
    a. stud-mounted signage with large, bold, serif, all upper-case lettering with words “ZEN CAFE” followed on same text line by words “AT AMICUS” in medium, sans serif, all upper-case lettering
    b. overall dimensions are approx. 14.5-inches tall x 210-inches wide, with signage centered within existing sign band and centered above existing storefront
    c. individual letters are flush-mounted into existing EIFS using 3/16-inch threaded studs; all letters are 1/2-inch-thick dimensional acrylic lettering with black finish
    d. within far-right and far-left portions of existing sign band are two identical round signs:
        i. each sign measures 30-inches in diameter
        ii. both signs include circular graphic with integrated coffee cup followed by words “ZEN CAFE” in large, serif, all upper-case lettering followed on next text line by words “AT AMICUS” in small, sans serif, all upper-case lettering followed on next text line with slogan “Be Here Now” in small, stylized, serif lettering
        iii. each sign also has off-set pinstripe detail around outer perimeter

iv. backgrounds of signs are black in color while all graphics and lettering are warm white in color

v. both signs are flush-mounted into existing EIFS using 3/16-inch threaded studs

vi. sign backers are 1/2-inch-thick dimensional acrylic with applied vinyl design on each face

4. Appropriate details for new hanging blade signage at southeast building corner include:

   a. double-sided, round, blade sign measures approx. 30-inches in diameter

   b. includes circular graphic with integrated coffee cup followed by words "ZEN CAFE" in large, serif, all upper-case lettering followed on next text line by words "AT AMICUS" in small, sans serif, all upper-case lettering followed on next text line with slogan "Be Here Now" in small, stylized, serif lettering; also has off-set pinstripe detail around outer perimeter

   c. background is black in color while all graphics and lettering are warm white in color

   d. sign to be installed using existing decorative metal scroll bracket located at southeast building corner, with underside of sign at approx. 96-inches above public sidewalk

   e. sign backer is 3/4-inch-thick Medium Density Overlay (MDO), with vinyl applied graphics on each sign face

   f. signage with large, bold, serif, all upper-case lettering with words "ZEN CAFE" followed on same text line by words "AT AMICUS" in medium, sans serif, all upper-case lettering

Notes: The Applicant agreed to cooperate with the Property Owner to patch, repair and re-paint existing EIFS sign bands to eliminate scaring from former mounting locations and ghosting of previous signage and also to straighten the gooseneck lighting at the east façade facing South New Street so that all lamps align.

The motion was unanimously approved, with Mr. Evans, 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 'Guidelines for Signage'.

JBL: jbl

By: _____

Date of Meeting: October 19, 2026 Title: Historic Officer