

A Resolution of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission in support of Rezoning Petition 2023-088 to accommodate the relocation of the Leeper and Wyatt Store building, a local historic landmark so designated on September 18, 1989, by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina. The petition, filed by On Cleveland LLC, would facilitate preservation of the historic landmark by rezoning 1823 Cleveland Avenue (Tax Parcel Number 12105301) to allow for the relocation of the building from its current site at 1923 South Boulevard (Tax Parcel Number 12105519) to 1823 Cleveland Avenue.

WHEREAS, effective September 18, 1989, the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, designated the property known as the “Leeper and Wyatt Store” building a local historic landmark, pursuant to Chapter 160D, Article 9, as amended of the General Statutes of North Carolina, to recognize and preserve what the City Council determined to be the building’s “special significance in terms of its history, architecture, and/or cultural importance” as a circa 1903 grocery store originally owned by influential New South industrialist Daniel Augustus Tompkins (1851-1914) as an integral part of his Atherton Cotton Mills and associated mill village; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable statutory Certificate of Appropriateness process, the owner of the Leeper and Wyatt Store building (currently located at 1923 South Boulevard in Charlotte, North Carolina) has requested demolition of the historic landmark due to its location within a future Charlotte Department of Transportation right of way; and

WHEREAS, working in collaboration with the building’s owner, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has exhausted all available statutory measures to prevent demolition of this historic landmark, all to no avail; and

WHEREAS, Rezoning Petition 2023-088 – filed by On Cleveland LLC to request a rezoning of Tax Parcel Number 12105301 from NS(CD) HDO to NC(EX) HDO – offers the final and best available solution for preservation of the historic landmark by allowing the building to be moved to 1823 Cleveland Avenue for placement adjacent to a historic circa 1930 building at that location.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission that Rezoning Petition 2023-088 – requesting rezoning of Tax Parcel Number 12105301 from NS(CD) HDO to NC(EX) HDO – offers the best available solution for the preservation of the “Leeper and Wyatt Store” building, a local historic landmark so designated by the Charlotte City Council for more than three decades because of the building’s “special significance in terms of its history, architecture, and/or cultural importance” to the City of Charlotte.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission hereby endorses Rezoning Petition 2023-088 and recommends that Charlotte City Council approve the rezoning requested by said petition.

CERTIFICATION

I, Stewart Gray, Director of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission in regular session convened on the 11th day of September 2023.

WITNESS my hand this ____ day of September 2023.

Stewart Gray, Director
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks
Commission