



AGENDA ACTION FORM

Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Sign the National Register Nomination for the Site Formerly Known as Earles Drug Store

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

Action Form No.: AF-94-2025

Work Session: May 5, 2025

First Reading: N/A

Final Adoption: May 6, 2025

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Presentation By: Jessica Harmon

Recommendation:

Approve the Resolution.

Executive Summary:

The owner of 134 W. Center Street, formerly home to Earles Drug Store, has submitted an application to list the property on the National Register of Historic Places. As a Certified Local Government (CLG) through the State Historic Preservation Office, the City of Kingsport is required to have all National Register nominations reviewed by both the Historic Zoning Commission and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen prior to submission to the State Review Board.

The building offered a unique combination of services. The modern three-story building introduced a groundbreaking feature: Kingsport's very first prescription drive-in window. The first floor was home to a vibrant drugstore, a cafeteria complete with a soda fountain and a luncheonette, offering both convenience and charm and making it a popular gathering spot for the community. The second and third floors provided space for a variety of offices, solidifying the building as a central hub for both business and community life

At its regular meeting on April 14, 2025, the Kingsport Historic Zoning Commission reviewed the nomination and approved the draft for submission to the State. To complete the CLG review process, the mayor's signature is required on the National Register Review Form in order for the nomination to proceed.

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Map
3. Supplemental Information

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Baker	—	—	—
Cooper	—	—	—
Duncan	—	—	—
George	—	—	—
Mayes	—	—	—
Phillips	—	—	—
Montgomery	—	—	—