RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION FOR FLINT MILL AT 1910 HUNT DRIVE

WHEREAS, Gaston County Historic Preservation Commission has initiated a proceeding to have the Flint Mill at 1910 Hunt Drive designated historic pursuant to Part 4 of Article 9 of Chapter 160D of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, while pursuant to the Statute, the Gaston County Commission will make the designation, the City Council of the City of Gastonia is asked to consider support for the historic designation; and

WHEREAS, the historic landmark designation is intended to be used to preserve and promote redevelopment of historic and significant properties and will reduce the taxable value of the property by fifty percent in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the Flint Mill, initially built in 1923, was Gastonia's second largest (by spindle count) textile manufacturer after Loray Mill with 35,712 spindles and employed 450 people when it opened; and

WHEREAS, Marathon Development Group is proposing a \$77 million redevelopment of the property to 209 market rate housing units; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that Flint Mill is important to the historic fabric of Gastonia and supports Gaston County Commissioners designating this property as a Local Historic Landmark to promote redevelopment;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GASTONIA that the City of Gastonia offers its support to Gaston County to designate the Flint Mill at 1910 Hunt Drive as a Local Historic Landmark.

THIS RESOLUTION, adopted on the 2nd day of May 2023.

Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

Suzanne & Gibbs, CityClerk