

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-52  
NAMING THE AMPHITHEATER IN RIVERSIDE VILLAGE AS  
THE SHARON JONES AMPHITHEATER

WHEREAS, the late, great singer Sharon Jones lived her early years in North Augusta, as a child first displayed her singing talent in a North Augusta Baptist Church Christmas play as a singing angel; and became a resident of North Augusta in her final years; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Jones' extraordinary talent was finally recognized at age 40 while singing professionally in the New York City area; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Jones was the lead singer for the soul band, the Dap-Kings, for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Jones and the Dap-Kings sparked the soul music revival, defined the sound of modern soul, and received a Grammy nomination for their album *Give the People What They Want*; and

WHEREAS, Sharon was widely acclaimed as the "Female James Brown," and her dynamic performances and sensational albums made her a fan favorite around the world; and

WHEREAS, Sharon's battle with pancreatic cancer, which ultimately took her life in 2016 at age 60, was the subject of the inspirational 2016 documentary, "*Miss Sharon Jones!*"; by the two-time Academy Award winning filmmaker Barbara Kopple; and

WHEREAS, the amphitheater in Riverside Village was envisioned as a venue for vocal and instrumental concerts by local and national performers.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof, the Riverside Village Amphitheater shall be named the "Sharon Jones Amphitheater," and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administrator is directed to have appropriate signage designed, manufactured, and erected identifying the amphitheater as the "Sharon Jones Amphitheater" and to prepare one or more plaques highlighting the life, career and accomplishments of Sharon Jones and prominently display same at an appropriate location(s), and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED funding for the above signage and plaques shall come from the Capital Projects Fund in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS 2nd DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020.

  
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Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Sharon Lamar, City Clerk