

RESOLUTION 06-17-09

DESIGNATING A SECTION OF DOWNTOWN HARTSVILLE AS A SOUTH CAROLINA ARTS COMMISSION CULTURAL DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the South Carolina General Assembly passed and the Governor signed into law Act No. 232 of 2014, providing for the establishment of State-Designated Cultural Districts by the South Carolina Arts Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hartsville has a long history of being home to cultural facilities, creative enterprises, artists and art venues, as enumerated in the attached "Cultural Assets Inventory"; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hartsville has over twenty historical sites and landmarks registered with the National Register of Historic Places, as well as the Darlington County Historical Commission; and,

WHEREAS, these cultural assets and historic designations continue to attract artists and entrepreneurs to the Downtown area, encourage economic and local cultural development, and provide a focal point for celebrating the unique cultural identity of Hartsville, and elevate the quality of life in Hartsville; and,

WHEREAS, Hartsville has twice been awarded the All-America City Award, once in 1996, and again in 2016; and,

WHEREAS, a section of the Downtown Hartsville area has been researched and proposed as the area to be designated as the "Hartsville Cultural District", as illustrated in the attached map entitled, "Map of the Proposed Hartsville Cultural District;" and,

WHEREAS, the Black Creek Arts Council Board and the City of Hartsville both support the designation of the Hartsville Cultural District; and,

WHEREAS, Black Creek Arts Council will serve as the designated managing partner of the proposed district.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hartsville, that the City of Hartsville supports the designation of the Hartsville Cultural District as a South Carolina Cultural District.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is authorized to execute all necessary documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FINALLY RESOLVED, in meeting duly advertised and assembled the 29th day of June, 2017.

Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sherron L. Skipper, City Clerk