

RESOLUTION OF THE AUGUSTA, GEORGIA COMMISSION TO ABANDON A PORTION OF TWIGGS STREET AND WATKINS STREET WITHIN THE VICINITY OF THE NEW AUGUSTA ARENA BETWEEN SIXTH STREET AND FENWICK STREET CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY .715 ACRES AND TO REMOVE SUCH ROADWAYS AS A PART OF THE ROAD SYSTEM OF AUGUSTA-RICHMOND COUNTY;

WHEREAS, a request was made to the Augusta-Richmond County Commission (the “Commission”) to make a determination that a portion of Twiggs Street and Watkins Street within the vicinity of the New Augusta Arena between Sixth Street and Fenwick Street, containing approximately .715 acres, as shown on the attached plat and more particularly described in the attached Exhibit “A,” has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it or that its removal from the county road system is otherwise in the best public interest and that the right-of-way should be abandoned as part of the Richmond County Road System; and

WHEREAS, it has been Augusta, Georgia's policy, pursuant to O.C.G.A § 32-7-2, to reduce the number of roads in Augusta, Georgia that are not utilized or useful to the public and to abandon such roads; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2025 the Commission authorized the conducting of a public hearing regarding the abandonment of such roadways; and

WHEREAS, notice of such public hearing was published in *The Augusta Chronicle*, the newspaper in which Sheriff's advertisements for Richmond County are published, on August 14, 2025 and August 20, 2025, and that the property owners located on Twiggs and Watkins Street were given notice of such public hearing; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on August 27, 2025, at 1:00 pm at the Augusta-Richmond County Municipal Building, 2nd Floor Commission Chamber, 535 Telfair Street, Augusta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the results of the Public hearing were reported to the Board of Commissioners and considered thereby; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, at their meeting held September ___, 2025, approved the proposed abandonment, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 32-7-2 and the requirements of said statute having been met;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Commission and it is hereby resolved by the authority of same as follows:

1. It is hereby determined that all requirements of O.C.G.A. § 32-7-2 have been met for the abandonment and removal from the county road system the right-of-way described on Exhibit “A” (the “Right-of-Way”) and such Right-of-Way no longer serves a substantial public purpose and that its removal from the county road system is otherwise in the best public interest and is hereby abandoned as part of the Richmond County Road System;
2. The land formerly comprising the Right-of-Way shall be quitclaimed as permitted by law to the adjoining property owner, subject to easements and restrictions deemed necessary by the Augusta Engineering Department and the Augusta Utilities Department, and the Mayor and Clerk of Commission are hereby authorized to execute the documents necessary to effectuate such transfer as directed by the Augusta Law Department.
3. This Resolution shall be recorded in the Minutes of the Augusta, Georgia Commission, accompanied by the exhibits referred to herein;
4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED by the Augusta, Georgia Commission this ____ day of _____, 2025.

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

By: _____
Garnett L. Johnson
As its Mayor

Attest: _____
Lena J. Bonner
As its Clerk

(SEAL)