

**RESOLUTION**

***BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE,  
ALABAMA*** as follows:

**Section 1.** The attached Agreement between the City of Florence and the Music Preservation Society, Inc., serves a public purpose and confers a direct benefit of a reasonably general character to a significant part of the public in the City of Florence, Alabama.

**Section 2.** The attached Agreement between the City of Florence and the Music Preservation Society, Inc., is hereby approved, ratified, and confirmed.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** that the proper officials of the City are authorized to execute the said contract.

***ADOPTED*** this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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***CITY COUNCIL***

***APPROVED*** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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***MAYOR***

**ADOPTED & APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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**STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**COUNTY OF LAUDERDALE**

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## **CONTRACT**

**THIS AGREEMENT**, entered into by and between the **CITY OF FLORENCE**, a municipal corporation, hereinafter called "City," and the **Music Preservation Society, Inc.**, a non-profit corporation, hereinafter called "Society," witnesseth;

**WHEREAS**, the "Opening Ceremonies" for the W. C. Handy Festival are held at the site of the W. C. Handy Home and Museum and will feature musical talent from throughout the Shoals area as well as out of town musicians; and

**WHEREAS**, "Riverside Jazz" is presented on Friday night during the week of the W. C. Handy Festival and will feature musical talent from throughout the Shoals area as well as out of town musicians; and

**WHEREAS**, "Determined," an original play written by Dolores Swoopes Nash, is based on the life of Florence native W. C. Handy, "Father of the Blues," and his determination to become a successful musician; and

**WHEREAS**, the spectacular drama is presented during the week of the W. C. Handy Festival and features theatrical and musical talent from throughout the Shoals area; and

**WHEREAS**, Beale Street Blues is presented on Thursday night during the week of the W. C. Handy Festival features musical talent from throughout the Shoals area as well as out of town musicians; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Florence is proud of Mr. Handy and his tremendous accomplishments that have brought worldwide recognition to our area through his musical abilities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the interest of the City to promote the image of Florence, Alabama, and to encourage tourism;

**NOW, THEREFORE, FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE** sum of \$20,000.00, the City contracts with the Society to conduct the following events in conjunction with the 2025 W.C. Handy Music Festival: "Opening Ceremonies" celebration; "Riverside Jazz" on the banks of the Tennessee River at McFarland Park; the play about the life of W. C. Handy; and the "Beale Street Blues".

The Society shall provide to the City of Florence a quarterly financial report within fifteen (15) days of the end of each quarter. Such report shall describe the financial condition

of the organization, how Florence citizens were served, and how funds paid pursuant to the contract were spent. These reports should be submitted to the City Treasurer, P.O. Box 98, Florence, AL 35631-0098. Failure to provide these reports could result in the loss of future contracts. The City or its authorized representative shall be allowed to inspect financial records and service records of the Society upon request of the City.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the City of Florence has caused its name to be affixed hereunto, by its duly authorized officer, and the Chairman of the Music Preservation Society has also set his/her hand hereunto this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

**CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA**

a municipal corporation

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Its Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Music Preservation Society**

**ATTEST:**

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