

1 Introduced September 25, 2018, by Councilman
2 Borchert

3
4 **Item No. 18-09-3247**

5 **ORDINANCE NO. 3917**

6
7 An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell,
8 Chapter 2, Administration, Article I, by adding Section 2-7.1 Amphitheatre Stage in
9 Heritage Park named.

10 WHEREAS, City desires to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of
11 Slidell, Chapter 2, Administration, Article I, In General, by adding Section 2-7.1; and

12
13 WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 42:267 allows for the naming of a
14
15 portion of a public building after a living person; and

16
17 WHEREAS, City is proud of our long and honored history of community and
18 service to others; and

19
20 WHEREAS, City desires to recognize a local couple who have committed
21 their lives and resources towards the improvement and enhancement of cultural arts in our
22 community; and

23
24
25 WHEREAS, Ronnie and Gardner Kole started Jazz on the Bayou and have
26 raised \$1.5 million for non-profits directly benefiting the City of Slidell, Easter Seals,
27 STARC, Safe Harbor, Tammany Trace, and the City of Slidell Cultural Arts; and

28
29
30 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gardner Kole is a founder of the Slidell Arts Guild; and

31
32 WHEREAS, Mrs. Kole was owner of the first ballet studio in Slidell, teaching
33 and introducing countless area children to dance arts; and

34
35 WHEREAS, Mr. Ronnie Kole is a distinguished Member of the Louisiana
36 Music Hall of Fame; and

37
38
39

1 **ORDINANCE NO. 3917**
2 **ITEM NO. 18-09-3247**
3 **PAGE 2**

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Ronnie Kole has performed for six U.S. Presidents and
5 Pope John Paul II; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Ronnie Kole is one of five musicians included in the New
8 Orleans Musical Legends Park; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Ronnie Kole helped organize both the first New Orleans
11 Jazz Fest and the French Quarter Festival; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Ronnie Kole is a Winner of Chevalier of Arts and Letters, the
14 highest honor the French Govt. bestows to a person in the arts for their artistic
15 contributions to the British Empire; and

17 WHEREAS, City is blessed to have this couple call Slidell Home; and

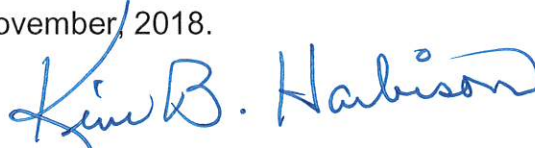
19 WHEREAS, Slidell City Council and the Administration of the City of Slidell,
20 desire to honor Ronnie and Gardner Kole with the naming of the stage at Heritage Park for
21 their many contributions to the Cultural Arts in Slidell and around the world.

22 NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that it does
23 hereby amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 2, Administration,
24 Article I, by adding a new section as follows:

25 **Sec. 2-7.1** Amphitheatre Stage in Heritage Park named.

26 The amphitheater stage at Heritage Park is hereby named the “Ronnie and
27 Gardner Kole Stage” in recognition of their many contributions to the Cultural Arts in the
28 City of Slidell, Louisiana.
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39

4
5 **ADOPTED** this 27th day of November, 2018.

6 

7
8 Kim Harbison
9 President of the Council
10 Councilwoman, District F

11 

12 Greg Cromer
13 Mayor
14

15 

16 Thomas P. Reeves
17 Council Administrator
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39

DELIVERED	11/29/18
9:15 a.m.	to the Mayor
RECEIVED	11/30/18
1:30 pm	from the Mayor