

LOT CLEANING ASSESSMENTS APRIL 8, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING AT 5:30 P.M.

- A. Cleaning of property assessed to James C. Martz, at 4104 University Ave. Total assessed cost \$96.87 Ward 3

Copies of approved orders should be forwarded to:

Kristal Jones, City Clerk
Tina Gatlin, Jones County Tax Assessor
Elvin Ulmer, Parks and Recreation Director
File

Order

There came on for further consideration of the City Council the matter of cleaning property assessed to James C. Martz, 4104 University Ave. Laurel, MS 39440 who is the owner of property located in the City of Laurel, Mississippi described as:

18-19-11 LOT 58 MAR-REE SUB-DIV(City of Laurel/Jones County Parcel No. 147G-18-07-002.00 PPIN 11826. Also known as 4104 University Ave. REF 022425)

It appears that on February 24, 2025 the Inspection Department ordered the subject property cleaned pursuant to the provisions of 1997 Standard Housing Code, as amended, Section 21-19-11 as amended, Mississippi Code of 1972, and the Standard Unsafe Building Abatement Code, 1985, with amendments. Said property was cleaned for a total cost of \$46.87, to which is added a \$50.00 administrative fee to offset any administrative costs associated to the cleaning of this property, bringing the total assessment to \$96.87, which when repaid is to be credited as follows: \$46.87 to Lot Cleaning Account 001-000-288.0; \$50.00 to Inspection Department Administrative Fee Account 001-000-289.0; (copies of bills are attached).

It is noted that pursuant to the authority of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Section 21-19-11, as Amended, a property may be cleaned no more than twelve (12) times in any twenty-four-month period stemming from the date of original resolution with respect to cutting grass or weeds as well as removing rubbish, personal property and other debris on the land. This cleaning was completed March 3, 2024.

It is ordered that the City Clerk be authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 21-19-11 to enroll the cost of cleaning in the amount of \$96.87 to the property described above, upon the real property tax rolls of the Second Judicial District of Jones County, Mississippi, and/or file a civil suit seeking judgment against the property owner of record. It is also ordered that the City be authorized to file a *lis pendens* against the land parcel number at the Chancery Clerk's office. It is furthermore ordered that if the owner has not paid the above assessment in the amount of \$96.87 within thirty (30) days, the City Clerk shall proceed with the appropriate action of securing the payment either by enrolling the cost of cleaning upon the real property tax rolls of the Second Judicial District of Jones County, Mississippi and/or filing a civil suit seeking judgment against the property owner of record and to file the *lis pendens*.

WHEREUPON, motion was made by Councilperson Capers seconded by Councilperson Carmichael
that the foregoing Order be adopted.

Upon roll call vote the result was as follows

YEAS: Capers, Kelly, Thaxton, Carmichael, Amos, Jordan

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Ellis

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Order adopted, this the 8th day of
April, 2025.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

ATTESTED AND SUBMITTED TO THE MAYOR BY THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL ON

_____.

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

APPROVED () DATE _____

VETO () DATE _____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

MUNICIPAL CLERK

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Min. of: 04/08/2025; Bk. No: 104; Pg. No: _____; Agn. Itm. No: 4K