

DEMOLITION ASSESSMENTS

- A. Demolition of property assessed to Oberge Cockrell, at 225 N. 18th Ave. Total cost, including \$50 administrative fee, \$0.00 recording fee, and \$ 53.00 judgement fee \$2, 603.00 Ward 1

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 Oberge Cockrell, 225 N. 18th Ave. Laurel MS 39440 is the owner of property in the City of Laurel, Mississippi described as:

COUNTRY CLUB EST LOTS 175 & 176(City of Laurel/Jones County Parcel No. 119C-01-07-018.00 PPIN 9205. Also known as 225 N. 18th Ave. REF 070825)

It appears that on July 8, 2025 the Council ordered the dilapidated residence on the subject property demolished and the lot 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 demolished for a total cost of \$2, 500.00 to which is added a \$50.00 administrative fee to offset any administrative costs associated to the demolition of this property, a \$0.00 recording fee, and \$53.00 judgement fee bringing the total assessment to \$2, 603.00 which when repaid is to be credited as follows: \$2, 500.00 to Lot Cleaning/Demos Account 001-000-288.0; \$ 50.00 to Inspection Department Administrative Fee Account 001-000-289.0; \$0.00 to Inspection Department Recording Fee Account 001-000-289.1; and \$ 53.00 Judgement Fee Account 001-000-289.2(Copies of bills 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 a dilapidated structure in need of demolition, after which the lot shall be cleaned and any debris which may remain after demolition removed. This demolition was completed on September 22, 2025.

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 \$2, 603.00 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 \$2, 603.00 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 _____seconded by Councilperson_____

that the foregoing Order be adopted.

Upon roll call vote the result was as follows

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAINING:

ABSENT:

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Order adopted, this the 21st day of October, 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: 10/21/2025; Bk. No: 104; Pg. No: _____; Agenda Item No: _____