

RESOLUTION

TO OPT-OUT HOUSE BILL 1197 – SAFE SOLICIATATION ACT

WHEREAS, House Bill 1197 (2025 Regular Session) created the Safe Solicitation Act, a new Mississippi law regulating solicitation – such as asking for donations, contributions, or selling items – in and around roadways, medians, intersections, and traffic areas.

WHEREAS, House Bill 1197 took effect July 01, 2025 with key requirements being: permit required for solicitation in or near roadways, provided by the municipality, permit fee shall not exceed \$25, safety rules: may not impede traffic; may approach vehicles only when stopped; must remain within 100 feet of the approved intersection; may solicit only between 9:00 a.m. and one hour before sunset; no harassment or sound-amplifying devices, and misdemeanor penalties for soliciting without a permit resulting in 6 months confinement, \$500 fine, or forging of a permit.

WHEREAS, municipalities and counties may opt out of the Act's permit requirement. Opt-out should occur before January 01st each year through formal Board action being a resolution or an ordinance.

WHEREAS, the City of Laurel will be responsible for continuing to enforce existing safety and obstruction laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Laurel that administration be allowed to opt-out House Bill 1197 – Safe Solicitation Act effective immediately,

Motion was made by Councilperson_____ and seconded by Councilperson_____ for the adoption of the above and foregoing Resolution.

Upon roll call vote the result was as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAINING:

ABSENT:

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted on this the 16th day of December, A.D. 2025.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

ATTESTED AND SUBMITTED TO THE MAYOR BY THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL ON
DECEMBER ____, 2025.

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

APPROVED () DATE_____

VETOED () DATE_____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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