

ORDER

(Authorizing the City of Laurel to Allocate Tourism Funds to the Economic Development Authority of Jones County for FY2026-2027 for a Unified Tourism Marketing Campaign for the City of Laurel

WHEREAS, the City of Laurel seeks to promote tourism in Laurel through various marketing campaigns; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Authority of Jones County (EDA) is eligible to receive one-time matching funds from the State of Mississippi for EDA tourism funds budgeted for FY2026-2027; and

WHEREAS, the City of Laurel Tourism Committee seeks to make a one-time special allocation to the EDA of Jones County in the amount of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000.00) collected from the City's 3% tourism tax for FY2026-2027 in order to maximize tourism dollars for a unified tourism marketing campaign for Laurel

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Laurel City Council that the City of Laurel is authorized to make a one-time special allocation to the Economic Development Authority of Jones County for a unified tourism marketing campaign for Laurel in the amount of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000.00) to be taken from the 3% Tourism Tax fund for FY2026-2027. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, that the Finance Director is authorized to make any budgetary transactions necessary for implementation of the forgoing order.

Motion was made by Councilperson Kelly, seconded by Councilperson Capers, that the above and foregoing Order be adopted.

Upon roll call vote the result was as follows:

YEAS: Capers, Kelly, Scruggs, Carmichael, Amos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Thomas, Allen

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Order adopted this the 21st day of JULY, A.D. 2026

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

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

Clerk of the Council

APPROVED () DATE_____

VETOED () DATE_____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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