

ORDER

**ORDER AUTHORIZING OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY
ON FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2026**

WHEREAS, Section 7-13 of the City of Laurel Personnel Rules and Regulations Handbook establishes Independence Day as a paid holiday for eligible full-time City employees; and

WHEREAS, Governor Tate Reeves has issued a proclamation authorizing the closure of State offices on Friday, July 3, 2026, in observance of Independence Day and the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find it to be in the best interest of the City to observe Independence Day on Friday, July 3, 2026, consistent with the Governor's proclamation;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Mississippi, that Friday, July 3, 2026, is recognized as the City's observance of the Independence Day holiday for eligible full-time City employees, notwithstanding Section 7-13 of the City of Laurel Personnel Rules and Regulations Handbook. City offices shall be closed in observance of this holiday, except those departments required to maintain essential operations.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Human Resources and Finance Departments are authorized to take all actions necessary to implement this Order and administer holiday pay accordingly.

SO ORDERED this 16th day of June, A.D., 2026.

Motion was made by Councilperson _____, seconded by Councilperson _____, that the above and 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 16th day of June, 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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