

## EMERGENCY ORDER

**(Regarding Authorization of Two Officers of the Laurel Police Department to Travel to Biloxi, MS, for the Purpose of Attending Funeral Services of a Fallen Law Enforcement Officer)**

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement officials from Biloxi, MS have notified the Laurel Police Department that funeral services for one of their officers killed in the line of duty will be held on April 10, 2026 at 1:00 P.M. at First Baptist Church, Biloxi, MS, and have invited LPD to attend said services; **and**

**WHEREAS**, due to timing of regular City Council meetings, travel request could not be included on the City Council agenda for the April 21, 2026, meeting; **and**

**WHEREAS**, it is a longstanding tradition within the law enforcement community to honor officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice, and the presence of representatives from fellow agencies serves as a demonstration of solidarity, respect, and support for the grieving department and the family of the fallen officer; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Laurel Police Department requests that Cpt. Shannon Caraway and Officer Michael Washington be allowed to travel via city vehicle to said services on April 10, 2026, and return the same day

**WHEREAS**, §31-7-13(k) of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated gives authority to the Mayor, acting as an agent of the City to order the immediate remediation of circumstances which threaten the safety and well-being of the citizens of the city, with ratification of said actions to be granted by the council at the next regularly scheduled meeting

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Johnny Magee, Mayor of the City of Laurel, acting under the authority granted by §31-7-13(k) of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated, do hereby authorize the travel, via City vehicle, of Laurel Police Department Cpt. Shannon Caraway and Officer Michael Washington to Biloxi, MS, on April 10, 2026 and returning the same day for the purpose of attending funeral services for a fallen law enforcement officer. Travel expenses will be taken from LPD travel account #001-200-610.0.

**SO ORDERED** on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL, A.D. 2026.

  
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Johnny Magee, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Kristal Jones, City Clerk



**EXHIBIT A**