

**RESOLUTION**  
**TO REQUEST AUTHORIZATION OF REFERENDUM**  
**SOCIAL SECURITY/HOSPITAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN CITY**  
**EMPLOYEES**

**WHEREAS**, Section 25-11-11 (5), Mississippi Code of 1972, and Section 218 (d)(3) of the Social Security Act, established procedures whereby members of retirement systems in political subdivisions may obtain Social Security/hospital insurance (Medicare) coverage, and

**WHEREAS**, a number of the employees who are covered by the City's retirement system are not contributing to Social Security, and therefore are not eligible for benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, the participants in those plans should have the opportunity to have an election to decide if they wish to come under Social Security/hospital insurance (Medicare) coverage.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Laurel believes that January 1, 2025, is a reasonable date for inception of such new benefit coverage.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF Laurel, MISSISSIPPI, as follows:**

**SECTION 1:** The findings, conclusions and statements of fact contained in the foregoing preamble are hereby adopted, ratified and incorporated herein.

**SECTION 2:** That the Governor of the State of Mississippi be requested to authorize the necessary referendum among the employees of the City of Laurel to determine whether a majority of such employees desire Social Security/hospital insurance (Medicare) coverage.

**SECTION 3:** Any benefit coverage elected by the employees shall become effective January 1, 2025.

**SECTION 4:** That Mayor Johnny Magee has been granted full authority to execute any and all agreements between the State of Mississippi and the City of Laurel with respect to Social Security/hospital insurance (Medicare) coverage.

**SECTION 5:** That the City Clerk provide a certified copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Mississippi for his consideration.

The Motion was made by Council Member Kelly, seconded by Council Member Amos, that the above and foregoing Resolution be adopted by the following vote:

YEAS: Kelly, Thaxton, Ellis, Amos, Jordan

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Capers, Carmichael

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Resolution be adopted this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of JULY, A.D. 2024.

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President of the City Council

ATTESTED AND SUBMITTED TO THE MAYOR BY THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL ON THIS THE \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 2024.

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Clerk of the Council

APPROVED ( ) DATE \_\_\_\_\_

VETOED ( ) DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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