EMERGENCY ORDER

GIVING THE ADMINISTRATION AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT A DRINKING WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS REVOLVING LOAN FUND (DWSIRLF) APPLICATION FOR DRINKING WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND NAME THE MAYOR AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

- WHEREAS, the city of Laurel has submitted a ranking form to request ranking and consideration for State Revolving Fund Loans to fund drinking water improvement projects:
- WHEREAS, the city of Laurel entered into a professional services agreement with Neel-Schaffer to prepare a facilities plan for proposed drinking water improvements to be funded through the DWSIRLF program;
- WHEREAS, Neel-Schaffer has prepared a facilities plan, including Intergovernmental Review (IGR) agency comments, and submitted the plan to the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH);
- **WHEREAS**, the city of Laurel is now eligible to submit an application for DWSIRLF funding for the proposed improvements;
- WHEREAS, the Administration was informed by Neel-Schaffer on April 25, 2025, that the deadline for submitting an application for DWSIRLF for sewer system improvements is May 1, 2025; and
- WHEREAS, the deadline for the DWSIRLF loan application will expire before the next regularly scheduled Laurel City Council meeting on May 6, 2025, and it is imperative that the City be considered for funding in the 2025 cycle; and
- 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 immediate remediation of circumstances which threaten the safety and welfare of the citizens of the city, with ratification of said actions to be granted by the council at the next regularly scheduled meeting

EXHIBIT A

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 following:

- That the administration is authorized to prepare and submit an application to MSDH for funding of proposed facilities plan improvements through the DWSIRLF.
- That the Mayor is authorized to execute and file an application and any amendments for a
 State Revolving Fund loan on behalf of the City of Laurel with full authority to execute all documents pertaining to the project.
- 3. That the Mayor is named the authorized representative of the project.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Finance Director be authorized to make any budget transactions necessary for the implementation of the forgoing order.

SO ORDERED on this the _25th day of APRIL , A.D. 2025.

ATTROT

Kristal Jones, City Clerk