

ORDER

(Authorizing the City of Laurel to Utilize Tourism Funds to Reimburse the Economic Development Authority of Jones County for Lease of a Billboard to Promote Tourism in Laurel)

WHEREAS, the City of Laurel seeks to promote tourism in Laurel through advertising on billboards; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Authority of Jones County currently holds a lease on a billboard on Interstate 59 South in Meridian, MS, and the City of Laurel seeks to reimburse the EDA for the lease of this sign using tourism funds collected through the 3% tourism tax

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Laurel City Council that the City of Laurel is authorized to make monthly payments to the Economic Development Authority of Jones County for reimbursement of a billboard lease that is for a period of 12 months, from December 1, 2025 through November 30, 2026, totaling nine thousand five hundred forty dollars (\$9,540.00) The monthly lease payment will be seven hundred ninety-five dollars (\$795.00). The funds will come from the 3% tourism tax collections. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, that the Finance Director is authorized to issue a warrant every month for this expenditure and to make any budgetary transactions necessary for implementation of the forgoing order.

Motion is made by Councilperson Amos, and seconded by Councilperson Scruggs, that the foregoing Order be adopted.

Upon roll call vote the result was as follows:

YEAS: Kelly, Scruggs, Carmichael, Thomas, Amos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Capers, Allen

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Order adopted this the 2nd day of DECEMBER, A.D. 2025

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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