

## DEMOLITION ASSESSMENTS

- A. Demolition of property assessed to Karlee Henderson, at 1113 Mississippi Ave. Total cost, including \$50.00 administrative fee, \$26.00 recording fee, and \$ 53.00 judgement fee \$5, 119.00 Ward 4
- B. Demolition of property assessed to Willie Davis Cooley, at 201 Flora Ave. Total cost, including \$50.00 administrative fee, \$26.00 recording fee, and \$ 53.00 judgement fee \$5, 119.00 Ward 5

Copies of approved orders should be forwarded to:

Kristal Jones, City Clerk  
Tina Gatlin, Jones County Tax Assessor  
Elvin Ulmer, Parks and Recreation Director  
File

## ORDER

There came on for further consideration of the City Council the matter of cleaning property assessed to Karlee Henderson, 98 Victory Rd. Laurel, MS 39440 is the owner of property in the City of Laurel, Mississippi described as:  
EASTERN ADD BLK-4 LOT 3(City of Laurel/Jones County Parcel No. 135N-32-02-007.00 PPIN 9595. Also known as 1113 Mississippi Ave. REF 100725)

It appears that on October 7, 2025 the Council ordered the dilapidated residence on the subject property demolished and the lot cleaned pursuant to the provisions of 1997 Standard Housing Code, as amended, Section 21-19-11 as amended, Mississippi Code of 1972, and the Standard Unsafe Building Abatement Code, 1985, with amendments. Said property was demolished for a total cost of \$4, 990.00 to which is added a \$50.00 administrative fee to offset any administrative costs associated to the demolition of this property, a \$26.00 recording fee, and \$53.00 judgement fee bringing the total assessment to \$5, 119.00 which when repaid is to be credited as follows: \$4, 990.00 to Lot Cleaning/Demos Account 001-000-288.0; \$ 50.00 to Inspection Department Administrative Fee Account 001-000-289.0; \$26.00 to Inspection Department Recording Fee Account 001-000-289.1; and \$ 53.00 Judgement Fee Account 001-000-289.2(Copies of bills attached).

It is noted that pursuant to the authority of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Section 21-19-11, as Amended, a property may be cleaned no more than twelve (12) times in any twenty-four-month period stemming from the date of original resolution with respect to a dilapidated structure in need of demolition, after which the lot shall be cleaned and any debris which may remain after demolition removed. This demolition was completed on January 24, 2026.

It is ordered that the City Clerk be authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 21-19-11 to enroll the cost of cleaning in the amount of \$5, 119.00 to the property described above, upon the real property tax rolls of the Second Judicial District of Jones County, Mississippi, and/or file a civil suit seeking judgment against the property owner of record. It is also ordered that the City be authorized to file a *lis pendens* against the land parcel number at the Chancery Clerk's office.

It is furthermore ordered that if the owner has not paid the above assessment in the amount of \$5,119.00 within thirty (30) days, the City Clerk shall proceed with the appropriate action of securing the payment either by enrolling the cost of cleaning upon the real property tax rolls of the Second Judicial District of Jones County, Mississippi and/or filing a civil suit seeking judgment against the property owner of record and to file the *lis pendens*.

WHEREUPON, motion was made by Councilperson Scruggs, seconded by Councilperson Capers, that the above and foregoing Order be adopted.

Upon roll call vote, the result was as follows:

YEAS: Capers, Scruggs, Carmichael, Amos, Allen

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Kelly, Thomas

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Order adopted, this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, A.D., 2026.

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PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

ATTESTED AND SUBMITTED TO THE MAYOR BY THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL ON

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MAYOR

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Min. of 2/17/2026 ; Bk. No. 104 ; Pg. No. \_\_\_\_\_ ; Ag. Itm. No. 4M(a)

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There came on for further consideration of the City Council the matter of cleaning property assessed to Willie David Cooley, 201 Flora Ave. Laurel, MS 39440 is the owner of property in the City of Laurel, Mississippi described as:

5-8-11 A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE NW OF SE(City of Laurel/Jones County Parcel No. 118F-05-03-002.00 PPIN 14651. Also known as 201 Flora Ave. REF 081925)

It appears that on August 19, 2025 the Council ordered the dilapidated residence on the subject property demolished and the lot cleaned pursuant to the provisions of 1997 Standard Housing Code, as amended, Section 21-19-11 as amended, Mississippi Code of 1972, and the Standard Unsafe Building Abatement Code, 1985, with amendments. Said property was demolished for a total cost of \$4, 990.00 to which is added a \$50.00 administrative fee to offset any administrative costs associated to the demolition of this property, a \$26.00 recording fee, and \$53.00 judgement fee bringing the total assessment to \$5, 119.00 which when repaid is to be credited as follows: \$4, 990.00 to Lot Cleaning/Demos Account 001-000-288.0; \$ 50.00 to Inspection Department Administrative Fee Account 001-000-289.0; \$26.00 to Inspection Department Recording Fee Account 001-000-289.1; and \$ 53.00 Judgement Fee Account 001-000-289.2(Copies of bills attached).

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