

## DEMOLITION ASSESSMENTS

- A. Demolition of property assessed to Evelyn J. Dozier Est Et Al % Cynthia Lockhart, at 149 Chestnut St. Total cost, including \$50 administrative fee, \$26.00 recording fee, \$5, 056.00 Ward 5
- B. Demolition of property assessed to Robert Earl Brown, at 812 Jefferey Dr. Total cost, including \$50 administrative fee, \$26.00 recording fee, \$1, 076.00 Ward 3

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 Evelyn J Dozier Est Et Al % Cynthia Lockhart, 8200 Southwestern Blvd. Apt 1313 Dallas, TX 75206 is the owner of property in the City of Laurel, Mississippi described as:

5-8-11 WINDHAM ADD W 95' OF LOT 24 LESS THE EAST 50' (City of Laurel/Jones County Parcel No. 118E-05-13-004.00 PPIN 14218. Also known as 149 Chestnut St. REF 040825)

It appears that on April 8, 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, 980.00 to which is added a \$50.00 administrative fee to offset any administrative costs associated to the demolition of this property, and \$26.00 recording fee, bringing the total assessment to \$5, 056.00 which when repaid is to be credited as follows: \$0.00 to Lot Cleaning Account 001-000-288.0; \$4, 980 .00 to Inspection Department Asbestos and Demolition Account 001-280-636.0 \$ 50.00 to Inspection Department Administrative Fee Account 001-000-289.0; and \$26.00 to Inspection Department Recording Fee Account 001-280-602.1 (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 August 13, 2025.

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, 056.00 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, 056.00 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 Capers, seconded by Councilperson Amos, that the above and foregoing Order be adopted.

Upon roll call vote, the result was as follows:

YEAS: Capers, Scruggs, Carmichael, Thomas, Amos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Kelly, Allen

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Order adopted, this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, A.D., 2025.

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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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CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

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

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MUNICIPAL CLERK

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Min. of: 09/02/2025; Bk. No: 104; Pg. No: \_\_\_\_\_; Agn. Itm. No: 4BB(a)

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There came on for further consideration of the City Council the matter of cleaning property assessed to Robert Earl Brown, 40 Jeffie Craven Rd. Laurel, MS 39443 is the owner of property in the City of Laurel, Mississippi described as:

GEN DES 19-9-11 BEG SWC OF NW OF NE & RUN N 330' RUN E 630' FOR A POB RUN S 110' E 110' RUN N 110' W 110' TO POB IN NW OF NE(City of Laurel/Jones County Parcel No. 147I-19-03-033.00 PPIN 14998. Also known as 812 Jeffery Dr. REF 052025)

It appears that on May 20, 2025 the Council ordered the dilapidated shed 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.

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