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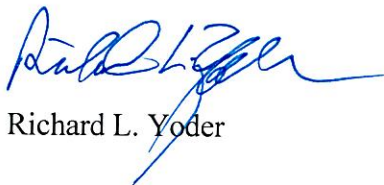
**RE: Howard Industries, Inc.
Free Port Warehouse**

Dear Ms. Hess:

Enclosed please find application of Howard Industries, Inc., for renewal of exemption from ad valorem taxes for the Free Port Warehouse in triplicate, together with suggested orders.

We would appreciate it if you would please put this on the agenda for consideration of the Mayor and City Council. Please return to us a copy of the executed order.

Yours very truly,



Richard L. Yoder

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Enclosures

BEFORE THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI

APPLICATION OF HOWARD INDUSTRIES, INC. FOR RENEWAL OF
EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES AS AUTHORIZED
BY SECTION 27-31-51 THROUGH 27-31-61,
CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, JONES COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI:

Howard Industries, Inc., a Mississippi corporation domiciled in Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi, authorized and doing business under the laws of the State of Mississippi, hereby respectfully makes application for renewal of exemption from ad valorem taxation for inventory values in the Free Port Warehouse located at 3225 Airport Drive, Laurel, Mississippi, and in support thereof respectfully presents the following facts, to wit:

I.

That Howard Industries, Inc. is a corporation duly created and existing under the laws of the State of Mississippi and is presently doing business in Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi.

II.


That Howard Industries, Inc. is a manufacturing concern manufacturing electrical transformers with a State of Mississippi license Free Port Warehouse in Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi.

WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, Howard Industries, Inc. prays that this application for renewal of tax exemption be received and filed, and that upon a hearing hereof the said application may be approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi, finding that the inventory of Howard Industries, Inc. is subject to an exemption from ad valorem taxation and that Howard Industries, Inc. be granted an exemption from ad valorem

taxation as provided by law upon all the inventory certified as eligible with the State Tax Commission of the State of Mississippi.

Respectfully submitted,

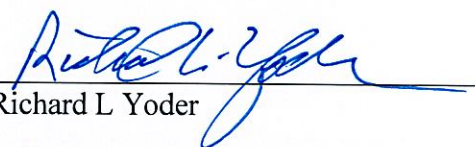
HOWARD INDUSTRIES, INC.


Richard L Yoder, Assistant Secretary

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF JONES

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, RICHARD L YODER, who being by me first duly sworn, states on oath that he is Assistant Secretary of Howard Industries, Inc., a Mississippi corporation, and that as such Secretary for said corporation he is duly authorized to make this affidavit on its behalf and in its name, and that all of the matters and facts set forth in the foregoing application for exemption from ad valorem taxation are true and correct as therein stated.


Richard L Yoder

Sworn to and subscribed before me, on this the 18th day of March, 2025


Notary Public

My commission expires



ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION OF HOWARD INDUSTRIES, INC.
FOR RENEWAL OF TAX EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES
AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 27-31-51 THROUGH
SECTION 27-31-61 CODE OF 1972 AS AMENDED

There came on for hearing this day before the Mayor and Council of the City of Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi, the sworn application of Howard Industries, Inc. for renewal of exemption from ad valorem taxation for inventory values in their Free Port Warehouse located at 3225 Airport Drive, Laurel, Mississippi, under provisions of Sections 27-31-51 through 27-31-61 Code of 1972 Annotated, as amended; the Mayor and Council of the City of Laurel having considered same and being fully advised in the premises finds as follows:

I.

That Howard Industries, Inc. is a corporation duly created and existing under the laws of the State of Mississippi and is presently doing business in Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi.

II.

That Howard Industries, Inc. is a manufacturing concern manufacturing electrical transformers with a State of Mississippi license Free Port Warehouse in Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi.

III.

That the exemption for renewal should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that the application of Howard Industries, Inc. for renewal of an exemption from ad valorem taxation for inventory values in the Free Port Warehouse located at 3225 Airport Drive, Laurel, Mississippi, be approved; that renewal of exemption is hereby granted, and that the inventory of Howard Industries, Inc. certified as eligible with the State Tax Commission of the State of Mississippi be and it is hereby exempt from all ad valorem taxation as provided by law for a period of ten (10) year from and after January 1, 2025.

SO ORDERED on this the _____ day of _____, 2025.

Those voting in favor:

Those voting Nay:

APPROVED on this the _____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor, City of Laurel, Mississippi
Jones County, Mississippi

ATTEST:

City Clerk

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF JONES

I, _____, City Clerk, City of Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi, do hereby
certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order duly adopted by the Mayor and
Council of the City of Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi at a _____ meeting of said
Board held in Laurel, Mississippi, on this the _____ day of _____, 2025.

Given under my hand and official seal on this the _____ day of _____, 2025.

City Clerk

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