

**TO THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF VICKSBURG,
MISSISSIPPI:**

**RE: PETITION TO CLOSE AND VACATE A PORTION OF BODLEY ALLEY IN THE
CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI.**

The undersigned Willie Betts and Richard Johnson (the Petitioners), the duly authorized Trustees and Representatives of Zion Travelers Missionary Baptist Church located at 1701 Poplar Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi 39180, petition that the certain section of Bodley Alley, depicted upon Exhibit "A" attached hereto **BE VACATED AND CLOSED** in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi.

Said Petitioners as the duly authorized Trustees and Representatives of Zion Travelers Missionary Baptist Church do hereby represent that Zion Travelers Missionary Baptist Church owns the land adjoining the portion of Bodley Alley to be closed and vacated on both sides thereof. Petitioners as the duly authorized Trustees and Representatives of Zion Travelers Missionary Baptist Church further show that said section of Bodley Alley *does not continue as a through street* and that same will never be used for such street purposes and that its closure would not affect the public's use and enjoyment of any other streets in the City of Vicksburg. *Petitioners further show that said property is not necessary for ingress and egress to any other properties.*

That there are no other property owners with property adjacent to said street section; that Petitioners are the only property owners connected to and affected by said street section.

The undersigned Petitioners as the duly authorized Trustees and Representatives of Zion Travelers Missionary Baptist Church acknowledge that they are requesting the closing of the street and agree that any closing and vacating of the street is at their request and that the City is not damaged thereby; and, it is further understood and agreed that the City's grant of this Petition shall be full consideration, payment and settlement of any and all claims or demands for damages accrued, accruing or to accrue to the undersigned, their heirs or assigns, for and on account of the closing and vacating of the above described street. Petitioners further agree to hold the City harmless from any damages directly related to its decision to close and vacate the subject property.

NOW, THEREFORE, Petitioners as the duly authorized Trustees and Representatives of Zion Travelers Missionary Baptist Church pray that The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, adopt the appropriate ordinance according to law vacating and closing the street or roadway hereinabove described and to execute and deliver to Petitioners quitclaim deeds to the lands comprising same so that same may be returned to the Ad Valorem Tax Rolls of Vicksburg, Warren County, Mississippi, subject to the rights of the City of Vicksburg for the continued location and maintenance of any water, gas, sewer or other utility lines which are presently found therein.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Willie L. Betts
WILLIE BETTS, PETITIONER AS THE
DULY AUTHORIZED TRUSTEE AND
REPRESENTATIVE OF ZION
TRAVELERS MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCH

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF WARREN

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the said county and state, on this the 8th day of OCTOBER, 2025, within my jurisdiction, the within named Willie Betts, Petitioner, as the Trustee and Duly Authorized Representative of Zion Travelers Missionary Baptist Church, who represents that he is authorized to act on behalf of Zion Travelers Missionary Baptist Church
(SEAL)

Brenda Bartlett
NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: June 2, 2027



Richard Johnson
RICHARD JOHNSON, PETITIONER AS
THE DULY AUTHORIZED TRUSTEE
AND REPRESENTATIVE OF ZION
TRAVELERS MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCH

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF WARREN

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the said county and state, on this the 5th day of OCTOBER, 2025, within my jurisdiction, the within named Richard Johnson, Petitioner, as the Trustee and Duly Authorized Representative of Zion Travelers Missionary Baptist Church, who represents that he is authorized to act on behalf of Zion Travelers Missionary Baptist Church.

(SEAL)


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EXHIBIT "A"

Closure for a portion of Bodley Alley, an Alley Way in the City of Vicksburg, shown on the James Noe Survey, recorded in Deed Book "G" at page 464 of the land records at the Warren County Court House.

Beginning at a point that is the north west corner of Lot 3 of Square 2 of the James Noe Survey, recorded in Deed Book "G" at page 464 of the land records at the Warren County Court House, said point is also on the south line of a 20 foot wide alleyway in the City of Vicksburg, known as Bodley Alley, thence south 82 degrees 00 minutes east, 207.5 feet, along the common south line of Bodley Alley and north line of Lots 3 and part of Lot 4 of Square 2 of the above stated James Noe Survey, thence north 08 degrees 00 minutes east, 20 feet more or less to a point on the north line of Bodley Alley, thence north 82 degrees 00 minutes west 207.5 feet along the north line of Bodley Alley to a point on the north line of Bodley Alley, thence south 08 degrees 00 minutes west, 20 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

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| 147.5' | 2 |
| MRC Inc | |
| 150' | 13 |

BODLEY ~~ALLEY~~

207.5'

20

147.5'

147.5'

12

23

3

207'

4th. N. ST.

CLOSED

90'

45'

20

15

92.2'

263'

33.7'

16

11

52.5'

17

18

92.2'

4

35'

**Church Property
PPIN #17774**