

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VICKSBURG MAYOR AND BOARD OF  
ALDERMEN OPTING OUT OF THE SAFE SOLICITATION ACT**

**WHEREAS**, during the 2025 Legislative Session, the Mississippi Legislature enacted and the Governor signed the Safe Solicitation Act (“the Act”), also known as House Bill No. 1197; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act sets forth the authority, procedures, and requirements for municipalities, counties, and political subdivisions to create and administer a solicitation permit for individuals who wish to solicit or ask for donations on streets and sidewalks within their respective jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act became effective on July 1, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 6 of the Act and Miss. Code Ann. § 17-31-11 expressly grant municipalities the authority to elect to opt out of the Act through a vote of the municipality’s governing authority within six (6) months after the Act’s effective date; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg is vested with the power to exercise full jurisdiction in the matter of its streets and sidewalks pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 21-37-3, and Miss. Code Ann. § 97-35-23 and § 97-35-25 prohibit obstruction and interference with the normal or ordinary free use of public streets and sidewalks; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg finds that existing state law enables the City of Vicksburg to address unsafe conduct on public streets and sidewalks without imposing additional permitting requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, adopting an additional permitting system would impose administrative burdens and could create unnecessary legal exposure, while opting out allows the City to retain the authority already granted under state law; and

**WHEREAS**, opting out is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Vicksburg; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI**, the City hereby opts out of the Act pursuant to Section 6 of House Bill 1197, 2025 Regular Session and Miss. Code Ann. § 17-31-11.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Vicksburg shall continue to regulate activity occurring on public streets, sidewalks, and rights of way in accordance with Mississippi Law.

**THIS** the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025.

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Willis Thompson, Mayor

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Thomas J. Mayfield, Alderman

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Vickie Y. Bailey, Alderwoman

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

### **CERTIFICATE**

I, Deborah A. Kaiser-Nickson., the duly appointed, qualified and acting City Clerk and lawful custodian of the Minutes of The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg and Seal of said City, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a Resolution Adopted by The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg at an adjourned Board Meeting held on December 10, 2025.

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.

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DEBORAH A. KAISER-NICKSON, CITY CLERK