

Ardis T. Williams, Sr. Auditorium

Application for Complimentary Use

Please note: If you are not a City Department utilizing the facility for official City business, your event will require a certificate of insurance. This will be determined prior to contracting the date/event.

Catered food is permitted in the Auditorium only if prepared and served by a licensed and insured caterer doing business in the State of Mississippi. An exception can be made if the user signs a waiver indemnifying and holding harmless the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and employees elected and appointed of the City of Vicksburg. Beer, wine and liquor must be controlled and dispensed only by a caterer with an off-premise liquor license.

Your request is subject to:

1. Date availability.
2. Review by City of Vicksburg (Criteria of the Comp Use Policy set forth by the Mayor and Aldermen)
3. Signed approval by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. The process must follow the above three steps before complimentary use is finalized.

Group/Organization Vicksburg Family Development Service
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Date(s) Requested 9-24-2026
Event Start Time(s) 6:00pm Event End Time(s) 7:30pm

*Please attach a separate sheet if more space is required for date(s) and time(s)

Reason for usage (please give as much detail as possible)

50 year Anniversary Celebration of Serving the Vicksburg/Warren Community

Signature Claudia Taylor Today's Date 8/12/2026

Do NOT write below this line

(Signify approval with initials below)

Reviewed —City Clerk, Deborah A. Kaiser-Nickson

Mayor Thompson _____ Alderwoman Bailey _____

Alderman Mayfield _____

Vicksburg Family Development Service, Inc.

1205 Monroe Street
Vicksburg, MS 39183

August 11, 2026

Mayor and Board of Aldermen
City of Vicksburg
1401 Walnut Street
Vicksburg, MS 39180

Dear Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

The Vicksburg Family Development Service, Inc. is proud to announce the celebration of 50 years serving the Warren County community, providing Early Intervention/Prevention support and services. The event will be held at the City Auditorium, on September 24th, 2026 6pm-7:30p. We are seeking your support in the form of a Waiver of Rental, attendant fees.

As a nonprofit organization, Vicksburg Family Development Service seeks to fulfill its mission to:

- 1) Provide parents with the knowledge, skills, and support they need to promote positive outcomes for their children and themselves through early intervention and prevention services during the first years of life, from prenatal to age five.
- 2) Promote positive life choices in at-risk youth.

Years of research demonstrate the critical importance of the first years of life and the vital need for prevention services. These services help families, especially those at high risk, provide for the foundational needs of their children. Factors that place families at risk include poverty, lack of education, past trauma, mental illness, and substance abuse. Foundational needs include meeting physical requirements, as well as providing secure attachment and learning opportunities to promote physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development.

By supporting children and families during the first years of life, we will see long-term positive changes in our community. These benefits include children entering kindergarten ready to learn, a reduction in Child Protective Services (CPS) referrals for abuse and neglect, and a workforce better prepared to meet our community's employment needs. Research shows that investing in children and families during these critical early years increases school achievement and educational attainment while reducing crime rates.

Best regards,

Claudia Taylor LMSW
Director