

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL  
OF AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF  
JUSTICE PROGRAMS FOR FUNDING UNDER  
THE FY2026 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program (BVP), created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 is a unique U.S. Department of Justice Initiative designed to provide a critical resource to state and local law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg adopted a "Mandatory Wear" policy for all sworn officers at the Vicksburg Police Department to wear bulletproof vests; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen are aware of and are in compliance with the Uniquely Fitted Armor Vest requirement whereby armor vests are individually and uniquely fitted for officers, male and female officers. These vests conform to the individual wearer to provide the best possible fit and coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg are eligible to apply to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for funding on a fifty percent (50%) Federal, fifty percent (50%) local matching basis to purchase bulletproof vests for law enforcement officers for FY2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi that the City of Vicksburg is authorized and directed to make application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs under the FY2026 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg authorize Kristen Harris, Vicksburg Police Department Data and Compliance Specialist, as the official designee and applicant's agent and authorizes her to make proper online application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs under the FY2026 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. Vicksburg Police Department's Data and Compliance Specialist Kristen Harris acting along with the City's Grants Administrator be authorized as the official designees and agents for the City of Vicksburg to make the proper online application to the U.S. Department of justice, Office of Justice Programs under the FY 2026 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program; and
2. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, be authorized to accept the grant, if any, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs for the purpose of purchasing bulletproof vests for law enforcement officers; and
3. The Mayor of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, be authorized to execute said grant offer and grant agreement and any other documents of necessity be executed in the implementation of this program.

RESOLVED, this the 15th 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

CERTIFICATE

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**COUNTY OF WARREN**

**CITY OF VICKSBURG**

I, Deborah A. Kaiser-Nickson, the duly and legally appointed, qualified and Acting City Clerk and lawful custodian of the Minutes of the 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 Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg at a Regular Board Meeting held on December 15, 2025.

WITNESS my signature and seal of the City of Vicksburg this is the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025.

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Deborah A. Kaiser-Nickson, City Clerk