RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF WARD 1 ALDERMAN MICHAEL A. MAYFIELD, SR.

WHEREAS, Michael A. Mayfield, Sr. was first elected as Ward 1 Alderman of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi in July of 2005 and he was reelected on July 1, 2021 to a four year term which expires on June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Mayfield untimely passed away on March 12, 2024 hereby vacating the Ward 1 Alderman office; and

WHEREAS, the remainder of Alderman Mayfield's term of office exceeds six (6) months; and WHEREAS, under these circumstances and pursuant to Section 23-15-857, Mississippi Code of 1972, it is necessary to call a special election to fill the vacancy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF VICKSBURG:

<u>Section 1</u>. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg does hereby determine and find that the position of Ward 1 Alderman is vacant, and that the vacancy occurred on March 12, 2024, due to the untimely and unfortunate passing of Alderman Michael A. Mayfield, Sr.

Section 2. A special election to fill this vacancy shall be held on Monday, May 6, 2024.

Section 3. Each candidate must qualify by petition filed with the Municipal Clerk by 5:00 p.m. at least twenty (20) days before the date of the election, and all candidates will qualify as independents. The petition must contain the names of at least fifty (50) qualified municipal electors.

<u>Section 4</u>. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in the special election, a run-off election shall be held three weeks later on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the special election.

<u>Section 5</u>. The Election Commissioners for the City of Vicksburg are hereby directed to perform all of the duties required of them by law in respect to management, control, and holding of the election.

<u>Section 6</u>. The Election Commissioners are further directed to have printed and distributed the official ballots for the election.

<u>Section 8</u>. The special election and run-off, if needed, shall be held at the regular voting places of the City as so specified in the notice below and the polls shall open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M.

<u>Section 9</u>. The notice of the special election shall be in the following form:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF WARD 1 ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI

Notice is hereby given that the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, will hold a special election on Monday, May 6, 2024, at the regular voting places in the City to fill the vacancy in the office of Ward 1 Alderman of the City of Vicksburg, for the unexpired term thereof.

The voting places for this election will open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, May 6, 2024.

If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in the special election, a run-off election will be held three weeks later on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes during the same hours and at the voting place stated hereinabove.

All qualified electors of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, shall be permitted to vote in this special election and in the run-off election if one is necessary.

	Witness my signat	are and the official seal of	of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, thi	S
	day of	, 2024.		
			Deborah Nickson, Interim City Cler	- k
(SEAL)			

<u>Section 10</u>. The City Clerk shall cause a certified copy of this Resolution to be sent forthwith to the Honorable Michael Watson, Secretary of State for the State of Mississippi.

SO RESOLVED this the 21^{st} day of March, 2024.

	George Flaggs, Jr., Mayor
	Alex J. Monsour, Jr., Ward 2 Alderman
ATTEST:	
CITY CLERK	