RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY A 2% TAX ON HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO ACQUIRE REAL PROPERTY AND CONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING, OWNING, OPERATING, LEASING, FURNISHING AND MAINTAINING RECREATION AND TOURISM VENUES AND FACILITIES, INCLUDING A SPORTS COMPLEX AND RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2926, 2015 Regular Session, authorizes the governing authorities of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi to levy an additional sales tax of not more than 2% on the gross sales of hotels and motels derived from the room rentals and upon the gross proceeds of sales of restaurants for the purpose of providing funds for recreation and tourism facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi find that recreation and tourism facilities will benefit all citizens of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi and that a 2% tax should be levied on the gross proceeds of hotels, motels and restaurants in order to acquire real property, construct, equip, own, operate, lease, furnish and maintain recreation and tourism venues, specifically a sports complex and related matters and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi call for an election on the proposed tax to be held on June 6, 2017, and if approved by 60% of the qualified voters who vote in the election, the tax will be effective on October 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the ballot shall read as follows:

The City of Vicksburg intends to levy a 2% tax on the gross proceeds of hotels, motels and restaurants for the purpose of providing funds to construct, equip, own, operate, lease, furnish, acquire real property, and maintain recreation and tourism facilities, including a sports complex, in accordance with Senate Bill 2926 (2015 Reg. Session).

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WHEREAS, this Resolution shall immediately be submitted to the Vicksburg Municipal Election Commission for inclusion on the ballot for the general election; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution shall be published in a newspaper published or having general circulation in the City of Vicksburg on May 10, May 17, May 24, and May 31; and

WHEREAS, if the tax shall pass by 60% of the qualified electors who vote in the election, then the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg shall furnish to the Department of Revenue a certified copy of the resolution evidencing the tax on or before August 31, 2017.

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

1. The Board finds that recreation and tourism facilities will benefit all citizens of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi and that a 2% tax should be levied on the gross proceeds of hotels, motels and restaurants in order to acquire real property, construct, equip, own, operate, lease, furnish and maintain recreation and tourism venues, including a sports complex and related matters and infrastructure; and

- 2. The Board calls for an election on the proposed tax to be held on June 6, 2017 and if approved by 60% of the qualified voters who vote in the election, the tax will be effective on October 1, 2017; and
 - 3. The ballot shall read as follows:

The City of Vicksburg intends to levy a 2% tax on the gross proceeds of hotels, motels and restaurants for the purpose of providing funds to construct, equip, own, operate, lease, furnish, acquire real property, and maintain recreation and tourism facilities, including a sports complex, in accordance with Senate Bill 2926 (2015 Reg. Session).

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4. This Resolution shall immediately be submitted to the Vicksburg Municipal Election Commission for inclusion on the ballot for the general election and shall be published in a newspaper published or having general circulation in the City of Vicksburg on May 10, May 17, May 24, and May 31.	
5. If the tax shall pass by 60% of the qualified electors who vote in the election, then the Board shall furnish to the Department of Revenue a certified copy of the resolution evidencing the tax on or before August 31, 2017.	
SO RESOLVED this the day of2017.	
The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi	
George Flaggs, Jr., Mayor	
Michael A. Mayfield, Sr., Alderman	

Willis T. Thompson, Alderman

CERTIFICATE

I, Walter W. Osborne, Jr., the duly 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 Special Called Board Meeting held on Monday, March 27, 2017.

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office this 27^{th} day of March, 2017.

Walter W. Osborne, Jr., City Clerk