



TO:

Mayor Flaggs

Alderman Mayfield Alderman Monsour

FROM:

Vicksburg Main Street Program

Kim Hopkins, Executive Director

DATE:

July 30, 2018

RE:

Requesting Permission to host 9th Annual Bricks and Spokes & spend

**Downtown Taxing District Funds** 

The Vicksburg Main Street Program is requesting permission to hold the 9th Annual Bricks and Spokes bike ride on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. The bicycle ride will consist of a 10, 30, 50 and 62 mile route. All types of bicycles (i.e. road bike, mountain bike, triathlon bike) as well as all skill levels are welcomed. The registration fee for the ride is \$30 per participant for early registration up until August 15<sup>th</sup>, \$35 registration from August 15<sup>th</sup>-September 9<sup>th</sup> and \$40 after that date.

The ride will begin in downtown Vicksburg at the 912 Cherry Street, travel across the Old Mississippi River Bridge through Warren County, and end back in downtown Vicksburg at 912 Cherry Street. I will speak with Chief Moore regarding the ride to ensure he and his men would be available to help assist the riders through town.

We are expecting around 300 participants for this year's ride. We hope to continue growing Bricks and Spokes as it has become a great fundraiser for the Main Street Program. By having this event, tourists will be spending time in downtown, as well as other parts of the City, for the entire weekend instead of just one day.

In order to have a successful event, I am requesting Board approval to purchase out of our Advertising and Promotional Category items i.e. banners, flyers, and other incidentals from the Downtown Taxing District funds not to exceed \$2,000.00.

Thank you for your consideration.