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MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS September 9, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

II. TOPICS

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| M.Pritchett | A. | Presentation on potential partnership with the Frank P. Phillips Memorial YMCA employee health initiative. |
| N. Katona | B. | Discuss the Action Center Officer attending training in Madison, MS on Thursday, September 17th for Keep Columbus Beautiful and request for the use of city fuel and reimbursement for meal expenses. |
| N. Katona | C. | Discuss request to hold resource fairs at various locations. |
| C. Gilman | D. | Discuss the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$1,575.00 for electrical work in the Forensic Lab for electrical improvements. |
| G. Ward | E. | Discuss permit request submitted by Blaine Walters, on behalf of The Bride & Groom, Inc., to block three (3) parking spaces at 120 Fifth Street South to host a Mother of Bride & Groom Sale on October 16 –17, 2026, with blocking to start the afternoon of Thursday, October 15, 2026, until the morning of Monday, October 19, 2026. |
| G. Ward | F. | Discuss permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, Inc., to host "Oktoberfest Downtown 'Barktoberfest' Pet Parade" to be held on October 3, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in downtown Columbus, See attached map. |
| G. Ward | G. | Discuss permit request submitted by Jackie Griffin, on behalf of First Methodist Church, Annunciaton Catholic Church and St. Paul's Episcopal Church, to host a "Fall Festival" to be held on October 25, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. with an Officer(s) at 5th Street South and College Street and blocking of streets to start at 2:00 p.m. See attached map. |
| G. Ward | H. | Discuss permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, Inc, to host "Wassail Fest" to be held on December 4, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in Downtown Columbus. Please see attached map with streets to be blocked from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. highlighted in pink. |
| G. Ward | I. | Discuss permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, Inc., to host the "Christmas Parade" to be held on December 7, 2026, from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. See attached map. |
| G. Ward | J. | Discuss permit request submitted by Eddie Jones, on behalf of Street Jumpers, to host "Sickle Cell Awareness Ride" to be held on September 19, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. See attached flyer. |
| G. Ward | K. | Discuss request for five (5) CPD personnel to attend "Level 1 SWAT Training Academy" to be held September 21-25, 2026 in Aberdeen, Mississippi and approve travel in city-owned vehicles. |
| G. Ward | L. | Discuss request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend "Glock Training Class Armorer Course-Gen 5 Plus" to be held October 1, 2026 in Fulton, Mississippi and approval of payment for registration and travel expense in the estimated amount of \$350.00. |
| G. Ward | M. | Discuss request for one (1) CPD personnel to attend "ADSI User Group Conference 2026" to |

be held October 4-6, 2026 in Tunica, Mississippi and approval of payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$628.00.

- G. Ward** N. Discuss request to re-hire one (1) certified officer and hire four (4) certified officers contingent upon successful completion of preliminary testing.
- M. Armstead / D. Davis** O. Discuss request to hire two (2) deputy clerks for the Municipal Court Department contingent upon successful completion of preliminary testing.
- G. Irby** P. Discuss a recommendation to accept proposal for repairs to 410 Springdale Drive and award a contract to J Miller Roofing in the amount of \$8,700.
- G. Lewis** Q. Discuss moving one (1) temporary Maintenance Technician to replace one (1) Full-Time Maintenance Technician.
- G. Lewis** R. Discuss one (1) Facilities Usage Permit submitted by Edward Rice, Pastor of Hope of Glory-Rice Chapel, for a community outreach event about Jesus Christ at Propst Park on October 10, 2026.
- G. Lewis** S. Discuss one (1) Facilities Usage Permit submitted by Councilwoman Lavonne Harris and the Columbus Recreation Department for complimentary usage of the J.M. Trotter Convention Center for Community Information and Bingo to be held on September 21, 2026 and December 7, 2026.
- C. Yarbrough** T. Discuss request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Mississippi Fire Chief Conference" to be held December 15-17, 2026 in Oxford, MS, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$659.00.
- G. Lewis** U. Discuss one (1) Facilities Usage Permit submitted by the Councilman Roderick Smith and the Columbus Recreation Department for complimentary usage of the J.M. Trotter Convention Center for a Thanksgiving Luncheon to be held on November 23, 2026.
- C. Yarbrough** V. *** Ratify the intergovernmental transfer of the Columbus Fire & Rescue's Mobile Command Center to the town of West Point, MS and/or its Fire Department utilized Friday, September 4, 2026 and Saturday, September 5, 2026.
- G. Lewis** W. ***Discuss/Approve request for one (1) Columbus Recreation Department employee to attend the Fossil Fest held at the University of Alabama on September 12, 2026. The estimated cost is \$40 for fuel.
- S. Jones / J. Turnage** X. ***Consider/Approve MOA to extend interlocal cooperation agreement with CVB.
- J. Brigham/J. Garrett** Y. ***Discuss/Approve the FY27 Budget.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Personnel Matters

IV. ADJOURN

Potential Vendors

1. Outreach of Tupelo
2. Interdenominational Alliance of Ministers
3. CCS/Rapid Re-Housing
4. Ross Family Services
5. Columbus Housing Authority
6. Golden Triangle Regional Homeless Coalition
7. BMH-GT
8. MSE Behavioral & Mental Health
9. Community Counseling
10. Pines And Cady Hill (Substance Abuse)
11. MS Dept of Human Services
12. Prayer Corner
13. Fishes & Loaves or St. Vincent De Paul
14. Helping Hands
15. First Assembly of God Church
16. State Line Baptist Church
17. Prairie Opportunity, Inc
18. Salvation Army
19. Bread of Life Church of Christ
20. Columbus Housing Authority
21. Mississippi Regional Housing Authority IV
22. VA Clinic
23. United Way
24. Junior Auxiliary
25. Parole 2 Pride
26. Life Choices Pregnancy Care Center
27. Dream Center of Columbus
28. WIN job Center
29. North MS Rural Legal Services
30. EMCC- GED Support Center
31. Safe Haven
32. Good Samaritan Clinic
33. MS Dept of Health
34. Refuge Closet
35. Suicide Hotline Crisis Line
36. Sally Kate Winters Family Services

- 37. Family Wellness Outreach Center of MS
- 38. National Center of Homeless Education
- 39. Lowndes County Assistant Federal Programs Director (will try to research for City)
- 40. City of Columbus Victims Advocate
- 41. Fire Department
- 42. Police Dept
- 43. KS Hudgins Counseling

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Dear City Leadership,

I believe the City of Columbus has a wonderful opportunity to bring our community together through a Resource Fair that puts housing, utilities, healthcare, employment assistance, victim services, and other valuable resources under one roof.

As an Action Center advocate, I receive all types of calls and daily show up in person for our citizens to express their concerns. I see firsthand how many people need assistance but simply don't know what resources are available to them. We have so many great resources in Columbus, and connecting people to them can make a positive difference in their lives while strengthening our community as a whole.

This event will:

- Be welcoming and accessible to the entire community, while continuing to prioritize those who are underserved.
- Be held in a location that reflects pride in Columbus and does not appear to target one particular neighborhood, one population, one circumstance or group.
- Create a true connection between our citizens and the resources available to them.

While I cannot promise attendance numbers, I can promise my personal commitment to promoting and advocating for this event. With support from the Community Outreach Department, Community Liaison, and Victims Advocate Coordinator, I will personally reach out to community members, businesses, and other open-minded partners while continuing to fulfill my assigned duties.

I'm asking that we take the next step and make this Resource Fair happen. Let's work together to create something Columbus can be proud of, an event where every person feels welcomed, informed, supported, and reminded that their city is here for them.

Respectfully,

Meka Gipson
Action Center Officer/Code Enforcement

Electrical Improvements – Quote Comparison

Budget Item	Requested Amount	Vendor	Justification
Electrical modifications – Fingerprint Laboratory / Panel / 220V Outlet	\$ 1,575.00	Malone Electric of Columbus, LLC	Includes lighting sensor switch, 220V/20-amp plug and wiring, breaker modifications, 2-pole GE breaker, approximately 30 feet of 12/2 MC cable, 220V/20-amp outlet and cover, panel labeling, and wireless doorbell system.
Electrical modifications – Option #1	\$ 2,696.12	Absolute Power Solutions	Includes labor and materials for switches and outlets, boxes and covers, doorbell chime, conduit and fittings, and circuit breakers.
Cost Comparison			
Lowest quoted amount	\$1,575.00		
Higher quoted amount	\$2,696.12		
Potential savings	\$1,121.12		
Malone quote as % of Absolute Power quote	58.4%		



Absolute Power Solutions

Columbus Forensic Laboratory
1627 Main St
Columbus, MS 39701

(662) 364-1853
cgilman@columbusms.org

ESTIMATE	#407
SERVICE DATE	Jun 29, 2026
EXPIRATION DATE	Aug 9, 2026
TOTAL	\$2,696.12

CONTACT US

3443 MS-50
Columbus, MS 39702

(662) 798-0472
absolute@absolutepowerms.com

Service completed by: Ben Williams

ESTIMATE

Option #1

Service completed by: Ben Williams

Services	qty	unit price	amount
Labor and material	1.0	\$2,696.12	\$2,696.12
- switches and outlet			
- boxes and covers			
- door bell chime			
- conduit and fittings			
- breakers			

Services subtotal: \$2,696.12

Total **\$2,696.12**

If you would like to pay by cash or check, contact our office for a discount!

Check out our website at absolutepowerms.com to find details on referral opportunities and information on leaving reviews!

If you are receiving an estimate for generator installation, please note the deposit required prior to install. Final payment for installation services must be received same day upon completion of service.

If you are receiving an estimate or you are a financing/leasing customer, please be sure to read our Terms & Conditions

INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE • POWER DISTRIBUTION

MOTOR CONTROLS • EMERGENCY GENERATORS

MALONE ELECTRIC

of Columbus, LLC

CONTROL PANEL FABRICATION • AUTOMATION

2018 Nashville Ferry Road East
P. O. Box 1333 • Columbus, Ms 39703
Office: 662-327-3394 • Fax: 662-327-0426

August 17, 2026

Claudette Gilman
Columbus Forensic Lab
Columbus, MS

Re: Miscellaneous items discussed
08.12.2026

Dear Sir:

We are pleased to provide a quote for the below-referenced items complete for \$1,575.00 (One thousand five hundred seventy-five dollars), not including Mississippi State Sales Tax.

This price includes:

- Install sensor switch in fingerprint lab to control overhead lights
- Install 220-volt, 20-amp plug and wiring for print chamber
- Supply and install piggy-back circuit breakers to make space for 2-pole breaker
- Install 2-pole GE circuit breaker
- Install approximately 30' 12/2 MC cable from panel over to outlet location
- Install cut-in box, 220-volt, 20-amp outlet and cover
- Label plug and panel schedule
- Install wireless doorbell system

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Malone Electric of Columbus

Rob Malone, President

CITY OF COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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TODAY'S DATE: 8/26/26

APPLICANT:

NAME/ORGANIZATION: The Bride & Groom, Inc.

LOCAL/PERMANENT ADDRESS: 120 5th St. S.
Columbus, MS 39701

REPRESENTATIVE:

NAME: Blaine Walters

TITLE: President

ADDRESS: 215 7th St. S.

PHONE: (662) 574-0225

Columbus, MS 39701

PHONE: (662) 327-4337

ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

NAME OF ACTIVITY: Mother of Bride & Groom Sale

DATE OF ACTIVITY: 10/16 + 10/17 ☐ PARADE ☐ MEETING ☐ ASSEMBLY ☒ SALE

EXACT TIME OF ACTIVITY: BEGINNING 9:00 ☒ AM ☐ PM ENDING: 6:00 ☐ AM ☒ PM

PURPOSE: We are hosting a two-day sale on Oct. 16 + Oct. 17
from 9am - 6pm each day.

LOCATION OR ROUTE OF ACTIVITY: The parking spaces in front of
The Bride & Groom, Inc.

MAP ATTACHED: ☐ YES ☒ NO

PERSON, GROUP, ASSOCIATION OR BODY TO BE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE PERMIT TO DO SUCH ACTIVITY:

The Bride & Groom, Inc. / Blaine Walters

NUMBER OF PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE: 50+ throughout AGE OF ANY MINORS: N/A
the day.

NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH MINORS: N/A

APPROVAL

APPROVED BY: [Signature]
NAME & TITLE Chief

DATE: 8/31/26

August 26, 2026

The Bride & Groom
120 5th St S
Columbus, MS 39701

Columbus City Council,

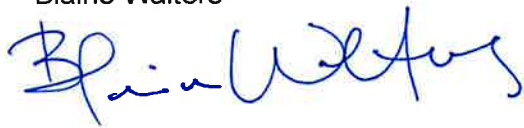
I am requesting to block off three parking spaces in front of The Bride & Groom, located at 120 5th St S, in order to set up a 10 x 20 tent for an annual two-day sale we are holding on Friday, October 16 and Saturday, October 17, 2026.

Last year, we placed racks of clothing under the tent to allow for a larger shopping selection.

I spoke with Prestige Rentals, and they would want to set up the tent on the afternoon of Thursday, October 15 and pick it up on the morning of Monday, October 19.

If you have any questions, my cell number is (662)574-0225, feel free to give me a call.

Blaine Walters

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Blaine Walters", is written below the printed name.

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DATE OF PERMIT REQUEST: 9/3/26

APPLICANT:

NAME/ORGANIZATION: Main Street Columbus, Inc.

LOCAL/PERMANENT ADDRESS: 107 5th Street North
Columbus, MS 39701

REPRESENTATIVE:

NAME: Barbara Bigelow TITLE: Executive Director

ADDRESS: 107 5th Street North PHONE: 662-328-6305

Columbus, MS 39701 PHONE: 662-574-0916

ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

NAME OF ACTIVITY: Oktoberfest Downtown "Barktoberfest" Pet Parade

DATE OF ACTIVITY: 10/3/26 ☒ PARADE ☐ MEETING ☐ ASSEMBLY

EXACT TIME OF ACTIVITY: BEGINNING 9:30 ☒ AM ☐ PM ENDING: 11:00 ☒ AM ☐ PM

PURPOSE: To celebrate Oktoberfest, we are planning a pet parade through the sidewalks of downtown. We request a Columbus Police Dept. vehicle to block intersections so that participants may cross streets safely.

LOCATION OR ROUTE OF ACTIVITY: The parade will begin at the Lowndes County Courthouse and end at Munson and Brothers. For the safety of pets, we will be walking only on the sides of the street where there is shade, thus we will be crossing Main Street. MAP ATTACHED: ☒ YES ☐ NO

PERSON, GROUP, ASSOCIATION OR BODY TO BE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE PERMIT TO DO SUCH ACTIVITY: Participants and Staff of Main Street Columbus.

NUMBER OF PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE: 50 AGE OF ANY MINORS: N/A

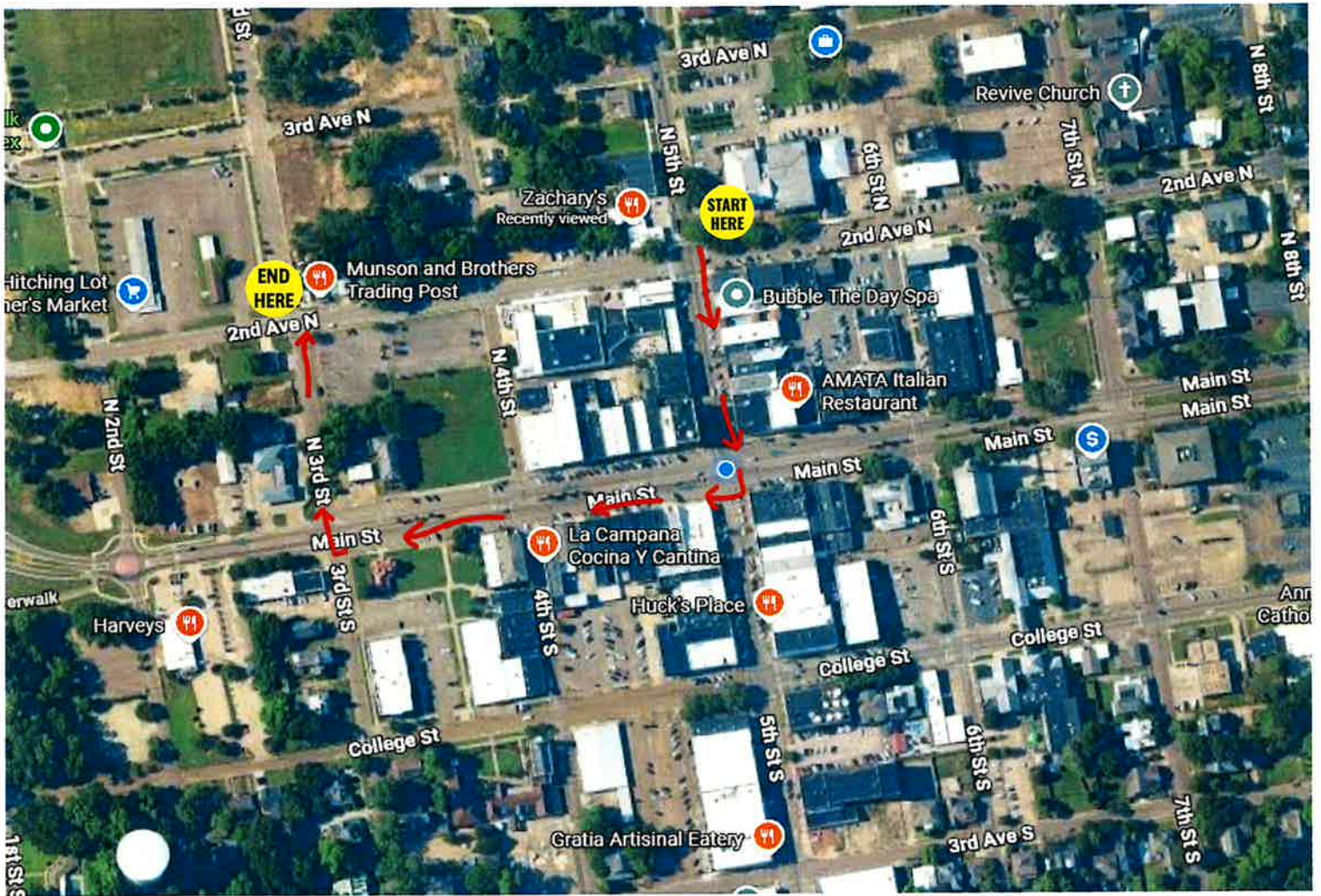
NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH MINORS: Parents / Legal Guardians

APPROVAL

APPROVED BY: [Signature]
NAME & TITLE

DATE: 9/8/26

Pet Parade Route



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TODAY'S DATE: 08/26/2026

APPLICANT:

NAME/ORGANIZATION: Jackie Griffin - First Methodist Church of Columbus, MS

LOCAL/PERMANENT ADDRESS: 602 Main Street / P.O. Box 32, Columbus, MS 39703
(Also including Annunciation Catholic Church and St. Paul's Episcopal Church)

REPRESENTATIVE:

NAME: Jackie Griffin TITLE: interim Children's Minister

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 32 PHONE: 662-328-5252

Columbus, MS 39703 PHONE: 662-549-6655

ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

NAME OF ACTIVITY: Fall Festival

DATE OF ACTIVITY: 10/25/2026 ☐ PARADE ☐ MEETING ☒ ASSEMBLY

EXACT TIME OF ACTIVITY: BEGINNING 4:00 ☐ AM ☒ PM ENDING: 6:30 ☐ AM ☒ PM

PURPOSE: Community outreach Festival - Games, Trunk-or-Treat, food, Costume Contest

LOCATION OR ROUTE OF ACTIVITY: Along college street from St. Paul's to Annunciation (see map) - Request an officer(s) at the corner of 5th and college to help people cross
* Road Blocked at 2:00 PM * MAP ATTACHED: ☒ YES ☐ NO

PERSON, GROUP, ASSOCIATION OR BODY TO BE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE PERMIT TO DO SUCH ACTIVITY:

First Methodist, St. Paul's Episcopal, Annunciation Catholic Church

NUMBER OF PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE: 2,500 (+) AGE OF ANY MINORS: Birth - 18y/o

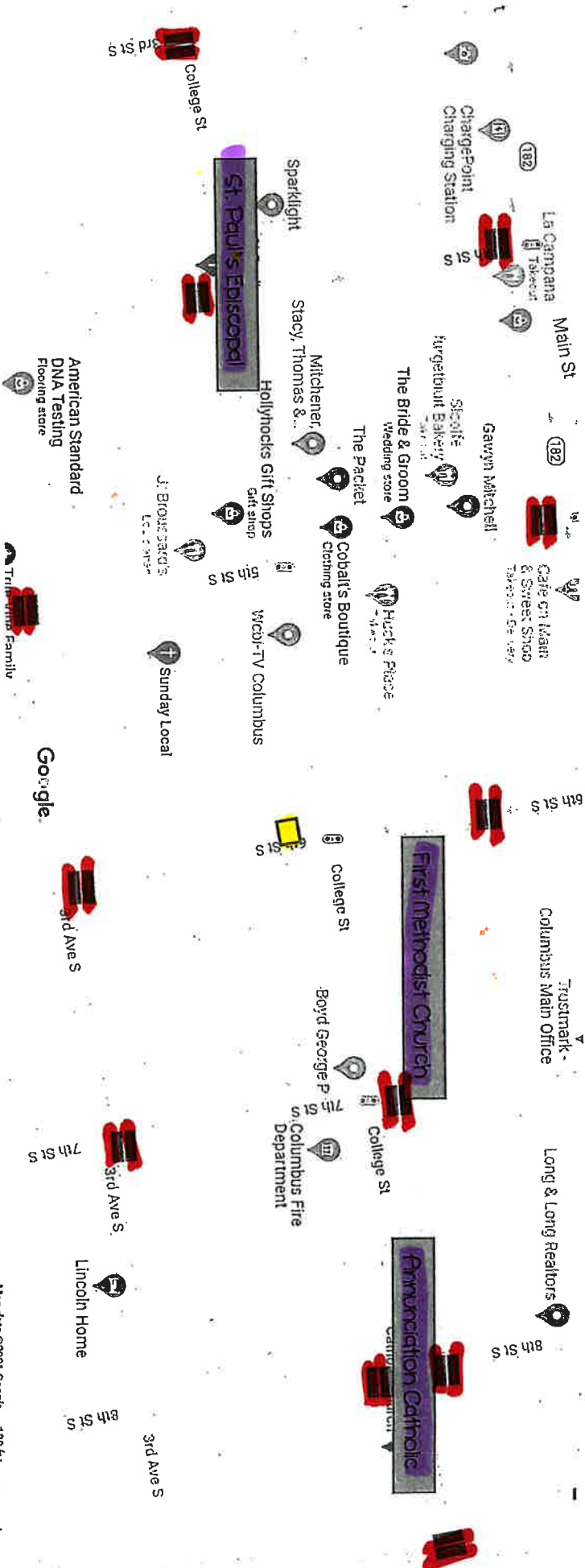
NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH MINORS: Parents of children and the appropriate churches

APPROVAL

APPROVED BY: [Signature]
NAME & TITLE: Chief

DATE: 8/31/26

FALL Festival MAP



Road closures

Participating Churches

Port-a-potties

*Trunks will be all along the route
Door prize drawings at each church's welcome tent!

First Methodist Church:

- Hot dogs
- Games
- Trunks
- Costume Contest (register at the welcome tent)

St. Paul's Episcopal:

- Cake Walk
- Pinetables
- Games
- Trunks

Annunciation Catholic:

- Games
- Crafts
- Hall of Saints
- Ice cream
- Trunks

**! Leadership Plaza will be decorated for Fall. Stop by for a cute photo shoot!



→ Trunk-or-Treat Areas

→ Road Closures

→ Participating Churches

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APPLICANT:

NAME/ORGANIZATION: Main Street Columbus, Inc.

LOCAL/PERMANENT ADDRESS: 107 5th Street North
Columbus, MS 39701

REPRESENTATIVE:

NAME: Barbara Bigelow TITLE: Executive Director

ADDRESS: 107 5th Street North PHONE: 662-328-6305
Columbus, MS 39701 PHONE: 662-574-0916

ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

NAME OF ACTIVITY: Wassail Fest

DATE OF ACTIVITY: 12/4/26 ☐ PARADE ☐ MEETING ☐ ASSEMBLY

EXACT TIME OF ACTIVITY: BEGINNING 5:00 ☐ AM ☒ PM ENDING: 8:00 ☐ AM ☒ PM

PURPOSE: Community Event

LOCATION OR ROUTE OF ACTIVITY: Downtown Columbus

To prepare for activities and for the safety of attendees, request streets highlighted in pink on attached

map be blocked from 3:00pm - 8:00pm.

MAP ATTACHED: ☒ YES ☐ NO

PERSON, GROUP, ASSOCIATION OR BODY TO BE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE PERMIT TO DO SUCH ACTIVITY:

Attendees, Business Owners, Participants

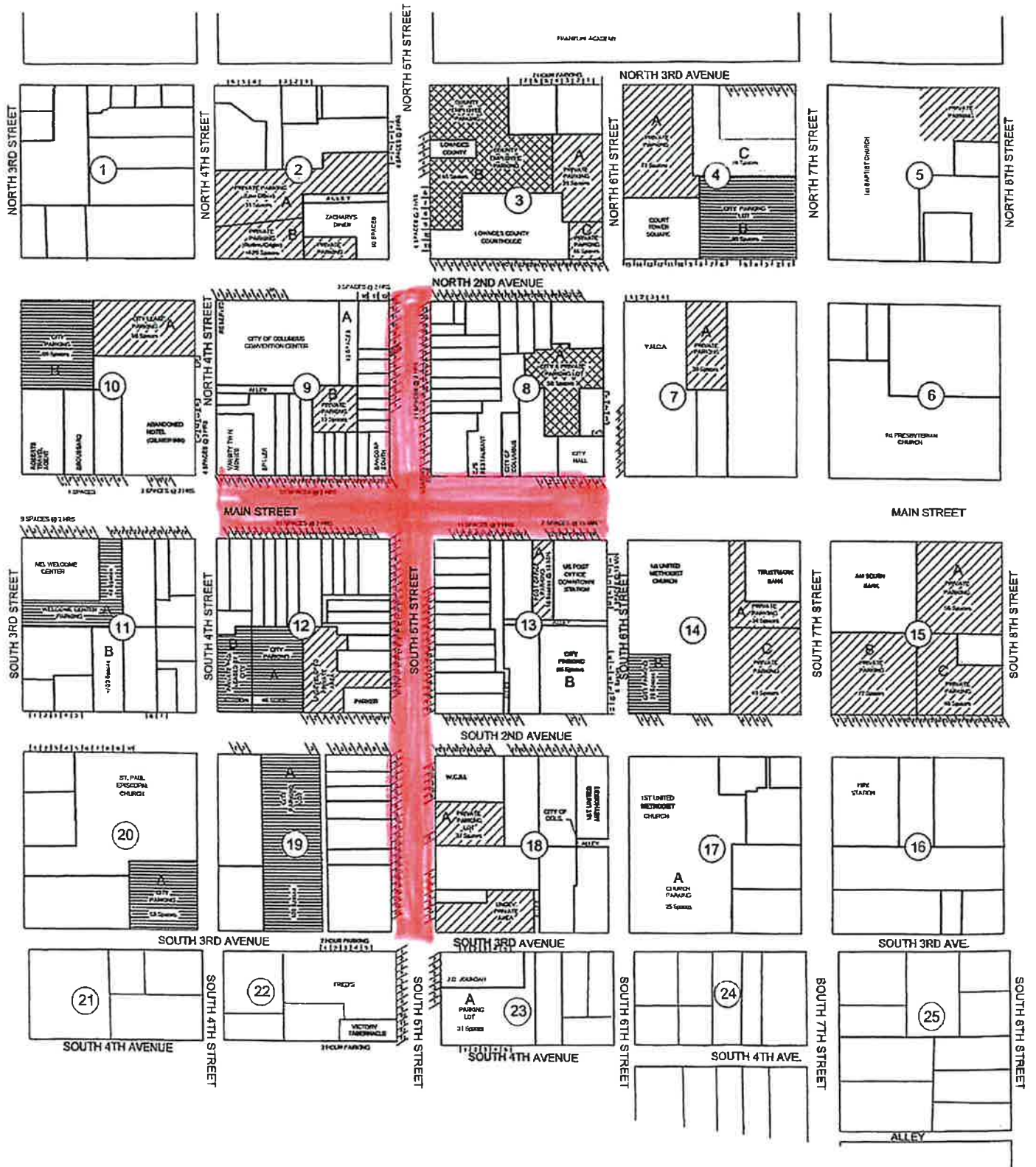
NUMBER OF PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE: 1,000 AGE OF ANY MINORS: N/A

NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH MINORS: Accompanying Adults

APPROVAL

APPROVED BY: [Signature] Chief
NAME & TITLE

DATE: 9/2/26



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ADDRESS: 107 5th Street North PHONE: 662-328-6305
Columbus, MS 39701 PHONE: 662-574-0916

ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

NAME OF ACTIVITY: Christmas Parade

DATE OF ACTIVITY: 12/7/26 ☒ PARADE ☐ MEETING ☐ ASSEMBLY

EXACT TIME OF ACTIVITY: BEGINNING 7:00 ☐ AM ☒ PM ENDING: 8:30 ☐ AM ☒ PM

PURPOSE: Community Event - Annual Christmas Parade

LOCATION OR ROUTE OF ACTIVITY: See Map

MAP ATTACHED: ☒ YES ☐ NO

PERSON, GROUP, ASSOCIATION OR BODY TO BE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE PERMIT TO DO SUCH ACTIVITY:
Attendees, Volunteers, Visitors, Participants

NUMBER OF PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE: 1,500 AGE OF ANY MINORS: N/A

NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH MINORS: Accompanying Adults

APPROVAL

APPROVED BY: [Signature] S. L. P. Chief DATE: 9/2/26
NAME & TITLE

2026 COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS PARADE



- STAGING AREA
- PARADE ROUTE
- BARRICADES UP BY 4:00 PM
- BARRICADES UP BY 5:30 PM

SCALE: 1" = 500'

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TODAY'S DATE: 08-08-26

APPLICANT:

NAME/ORGANIZATION: Sickle Cell Awareness Ride
LOCAL/PERMANENT ADDRESS: 1320 Hwy 69 S
Columbus, MS. 39701

REPRESENTATIVE:

NAME: Eddie Jones TITLE: Sickle Cell Ride
ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: 662-386-5663
PHONE: 662-251-1225

ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

NAME OF ACTIVITY: Sickle Cell Awareness
DATE OF ACTIVITY: 09-19-26 ☒ PARADE ☐ MEETING ☐ ASSEMBLY
EXACT TIME OF ACTIVITY: BEGINNING 10:00 ☒ AM ☐ PM ENDING: 10:45AM ☒ AM ☐ PM
PURPOSE: Ride

LOCATION OR ROUTE OF ACTIVITY: (1320 Hwy 69 S)
Location on Flyer
MAP ATTACHED: ☒ YES ☐ NO

PERSON, GROUP, ASSOCIATION OR BODY TO BE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE PERMIT TO DO SUCH ACTIVITY:

Eddie Jones
NUMBER OF PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE: 50 AGE OF ANY MINORS: 2
NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH MINORS: Brittany Clements (Mother)

APPROVAL

APPROVED BY: _____ DATE: _____
NAME & TITLE

Eddie (2 Shoes) & Darleen (Sugarbear)

Jones & Street Jumpers presents
Sickle Cell Awareness Ride for
Kenneth J. Skinner Jr
September 19, 2026 @ 10 a.m.



- **Kick Stand Up at 10 a.m.**
- **1320 Hwy 69 S to Waterwork**
- **Waterwork to 14th Ave.**
- **14th Ave. to Railroad St.**
- **Railroad St to Bluecutt**
- **Bluecutt to Hwy 45**
- **Hwy 45 to downtown Columbus to 182 E**
- **Back to Hwy 69 S to 1320 Hwy 69 S Street Jumpers Clubhouse**

CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI
OFFICIAL TRAVEL REQUEST APPLICATION

Officials, Officers and Employees of the City of Columbus seeking approval from the Mayor and City Council for permission to travel shall submit this application, fully completed and signed in **ADVANCE** of the requested travel. Except in urgent or necessitous cases, **Requests for Travel** must be submitted for approval well in advance of the Departure Date so that the Mayor and City Council can consider the request at a regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council before the travel. Travel and reimbursement for same is governed by Section 25-3-41 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as may be amended from time to time.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRAVEL SOUGHT

- Typed or Printed Name of Official Applying for Travel: Christopher Ware, Demarco Easterwood, Kimberly Hayes, Rodreiuz Porter and Sawyer Oakes
- Name of Event Official seeks to Attend: Level 1 SWAT Training Academy
- Benefit to City resulting from Attendance: Enhance tactical skills, abilities and officer safety.

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- Location (City & State) of the Event for which Travel is sought: Aberdeen, MS
 - Name of Hotel, Motel or place of Lodging if reimbursement is sought: Click here to enter text.
 - Proposed Date of Departure: 9/21/2026 • Proposed Date of Return: 9/25/2026
 - Mode of Transportation: City

ITEMIZED ESTIMATE OF COSTS OF TRAVEL

- Estimated Total Fees for Registration of all programs at Event, Conference, Seminar, Class or Program: \$ 0.00
- Cost per Night of Lodging: \$ 0.00
- Total Estimated Lodging Costs for All Nights: \$ 0.00
- Estimated Cost of Transportation (Gas, Airfare, Taxi or Mileage Reimbursement):
 - Gas (if using City Vehicle): \$ 0.00
 - Airfare (if flying): \$ 0.00
 - Taxi Service (if anticipated): \$ 0.00
 - Mileage Reimbursement (if driving Personal Vehicle): \$ 0.00
- Estimated Cost of Meals: \$ 0.00
- Any other Estimated Costs: \$ 0.00
- TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS** \$ 0.00

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Signature: 

Date: 9/3/2026

GLOCK

TRAINING CLASS

ARMORER COURSE | GEN 5 PLUS

PRESENTED BY



OCTOBER 1, 2026

INSTRUCTOR

CAZZ CASTANEDA



CLASS ID

113376



COST

\$300



CLASSROOM WORK WILL BE AT
ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
E LEARNING BUILDING ROOM 3



CONTACT DR. TIM CLOUSE

TECLOUSE@ICCMS.EDU

662.397.5959



PERFECTION

SCAN TO REGISTER



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INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRAVEL SOUGHT

- Typed or Printed Name of Official Applying for Travel: Kelvin Burdine
 - Name of Event Official seeks to Attend: Glock Training Class Armorer Course-Gen-5 Plus
 - Benefit to City resulting from Attendance: Enhance knowledge of trouble shooting malfunctions with the Glock duty weapons and train others.
-
- Location (City & State) of the Event for which Travel is sought: Fulton, MS
 - Name of Hotel, Motel or place of Lodging if reimbursement is sought: Click here to enter text.
 - Proposed Date of Departure: 10/1/2026 • Proposed Date of Return: 10/1/2026
 - Mode of Transportation: City

ITEMIZED ESTIMATE OF COSTS OF TRAVEL

- Estimated Total Fees for Registration of all programs at Event, Conference, Seminar, Class or Program: \$ 300.00
 - Cost per Night of Lodging: \$ 0.00
 - Total Estimated Lodging Costs for All Nights: \$ 0.00
 - Estimated Cost of Transportation (Gas, Airfare, Taxi or Mileage Reimbursement):
 - Gas (if using City Vehicle): \$ 50.00
 - Airfare (if flying): \$ 0.00
 - Taxi Service (if anticipated): \$ 0.00
 - Mileage Reimbursement (if driving Personal Vehicle): \$ 0.00
 - Estimated Cost of Meals: \$ 0.00
 - Any other Estimated Costs: \$ 0.00
- TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS \$ 350.00**

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Signature: 

Date: 9/3/2026

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRAVEL SOUGHT

- Typed or Printed Name of Official Applying for Travel: Kennedy Meaders
 - Name of Event Official seeks to Attend: ADSI User Group Conference 2026
 - Benefit to City resulting from Attendance: Updating computer software and record management.
-
- Location (City & State) of the Event for which Travel is sought: Tunica, Mississippi
 - Name of Hotel, Motel or place of Lodging if reimbursement is sought:
 - Proposed Date of Departure: 10/4/2026 • Proposed Date of Return: 10/6/2026
 - Mode of Transportation: City

ITEMIZED ESTIMATE OF COSTS OF TRAVEL

- Estimated Total Fees for Registration of all programs at Event, Conference, Seminar, Class or Program: \$ 250.00
- Cost per Night of Lodging: \$ 96.00
- Total Estimated Lodging Costs for All Nights: \$ 192.00
- Estimated Cost of Transportation (Gas, Airfare, Taxi or Mileage Reimbursement):
 - Gas (if using City Vehicle): \$ 50.00
 - Airfare (if flying): \$ 0.00
 - Taxi Service (if anticipated): \$ 0.00
 - Mileage Reimbursement (if driving Personal Vehicle): \$ 0.00
- Estimated Cost of Meals: \$ 136.00
- Any other Estimated Costs: \$ 0.00
- TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS** \$ 628.00

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Signature: 

Date: 9/3/2026

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(662) 328-7021 City Hall Phone
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DONNA DAVIS

September 8, 2026

Mayor Stephen Jones
and Members of the City Council
City of Columbus
P. O. Box 1408
Columbus, MS 39703-1408

RE: Emergency Repair Program
410 Springdale Drive

Dear Mayor and Council:

Proposals were distributed to Excellent Roofing, Graham Roofing, J Miller Roofing and Wheeler Roofing. The City only received one proposal from Miller Roofing. Excellent Roofing declined because he was a small business and could not bid over \$10,000. Graham Roofing declined without giving a reason and Wheeler failed to return by the due date. Please find attached copy of Miller Roofing's proposal.

I am requesting the City to accept the proposal from J. Miller Roofing and engage in negotiation to award a contract in the amount of \$8,700 for roofing repairs. If you have any questions, please contact me at (662) 364-1898.

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

George H. Irby
George H. Irby, Interim Director
Office of Planning & Community Development

LP/lp

Attachment

**CITY OF COLUMBUS
EMERGENCY REPAIR PROGRAM
WORK WRITE-UP**

OWNER'S NAME: Rosemary Love

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 214 Springdale Drive

The following proposal is made by:

Johnny Miller
(Contractor's Name)

662-549-0213
(Telephone Number)

of 11595 Hwy 45 Crawford
(Contractor's Address)

587-11-3553
(Tax Id. Number)

Date: 8/13/2026

CONTRACTOR
J Miller Roofing
(Name of Firm)
By: Johnny Miller
Title: Owner

ROOF

General

1. Remove and dispose of all existing roofing materials on both the sloped shingle roof and flat roof sections down to the structural roof deck.
2. Inspect all roof decking (sheathing) for rot, deterioration, moisture damage, delamination, and structural deficiencies.
3. Replace all deteriorated roof decking with ½-inch minimum OSB or approved equivalent, properly fastened in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions and the 2021 International Residential Code (IRC).
4. Replace any damaged fascia, rake boards, soffit components, or roof framing discovered during construction only upon Owner approval.
5. Ensure all roofing work complies with the 2021 International Residential Code (IRC), manufacturer's installation requirements, and accepted industry standards.
6. Remove all roofing debris from the site and leave the property in a clean condition upon completion.

Sloped Shingle Roof

1. Remove existing shingles, underlayment, flashing, drip edge, ridge vent, and associated roofing components.
2. Install new synthetic underlayment or approved equivalent over the entire roof deck.
3. Install new drip edge, starter strips, pipe boots, flashing, step flashing, valley flashing, ridge vent, ridge cap shingles, and all accessories required for a complete roofing system.
4. Install new architectural asphalt shingles (30-year minimum manufacturer's warranty or approved equal) in strict accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.
5. Replace damaged decking as required at the unit price listed in the bid schedule.

Flat Roof

The existing flat roof exhibits significant deterioration including:

Extensive ponding and standing water.

Failed and deteriorated roofing membrane.

Wrinkled, loose, and separated roofing membrane.

Heavy accumulation of leaves, pine needles, pinecones, and other organic debris.

Vegetation is growing through portions of the roof system.

Evidence of prolonged moisture intrusion and biological growth.

Areas suspected of saturated insulation and deteriorated roof substrate beneath the membrane.

Flat Roof Scope

1. Remove and dispose of the existing flat roofing membrane, flashing, insulation (where water damaged), and associated roofing materials down to the roof deck.
2. Inspect the roof deck for moisture damage, rot, delamination, deterioration, and structural deficiencies.
3. Replace deteriorated decking with ½-inch minimum OSB or approved equivalent, properly fastened.
4. Replace water-damaged insulation with insulation compatible with the new roofing system.
5. Install a complete new flat roofing system consisting of an approved membrane roofing system (TPO, PVC, modified bitumen, or equivalent as specified), together with all required insulation, cover board (if required), flashing, edge metal, boots, sealants, penetrations, drains/scuppers, and accessories.
6. Correct roof drainage deficiencies where practical to minimize standing water through tapered insulation or other approved methods as required.
7. Install all flashing, counterflashing, edge metal, sealants, and transitions necessary to provide a complete watertight roofing system.

Pricing Breakdown

- A. Remove and dispose of existing shingles, underlayment, flashing, ridge vent, and related roofing materials.
- B. Supply and install new underlayment, flashing, drip edge, ridge vent, starter strips, pipe boots, and roofing accessories.
- C. Supply and install new architectural asphalt shingles (30-year minimum).
- D. Remove and dispose of existing flat roofing system, including membrane and associated materials.
- E. Supply and install complete new flat roofing system, including membrane, insulation, flashing, edge metal, penetrations, and accessories.
- F. Cleanup and haul away all debris.
- G. Pull permit with the City of Columbus Building Department.

Total Base Bid: \$ 8,700.60

Unit Prices:

Replace deteriorated roof decking (½-inch minimum OSB including required roof clips):

\$ 65 /sheet

Replace water-damaged insulation (flat roof): \$ _____ /sq. ft.





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September 8, 2026

Honorable Mayor Stephen Jones

Columbus City Council

City of Columbus

Columbus, Mississippi

RE: Request to Hire Travon Roby as Full-Time Maintenance Technician

Dear Mayor Jones and Members of the Columbus City Council:

I am writing to request approval to hire **Travon Roby**, who is currently employed as a temporary employee with the Columbus Recreation Department, to fill the vacant **full-time Maintenance Technician** position created by the resignation of Curtis Cunningham.

During his time with the Recreation Department, Travon has consistently demonstrated a strong work ethic, a willingness to learn, and a positive attitude toward his responsibilities. He has proven that he is willing to do whatever is needed to help maintain our parks and recreational facilities.

Travon regularly weed-eats, cuts grass, assists with repairs, performs general maintenance, and takes on just about any task that is asked of him. He is a quick learner and has shown that he can adapt to different assignments and responsibilities without hesitation.

More importantly, Travon has demonstrated that he wants to work and be a contributing member of our team. His reliability, willingness to help, and ability to learn new tasks have made him a valuable temporary employee, and I believe he has the potential to become an even greater asset to the Columbus Recreation Department as a full-time employee.

Rather than bringing in someone unfamiliar with our parks, facilities, equipment, and daily operations, I believe hiring Travon would allow us to retain someone who has already demonstrated his abilities and understands the expectations of the department. He has already proven himself through his work, and I am confident that he would continue to grow in the position.

For these reasons, I respectfully request the Mayor and City Council approve the hiring of **Travon Roby as a full-time Maintenance Technician** with the Columbus Recreation Department.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued support of the Columbus Recreation Department. I believe Trayvon would be a valuable addition to our full-time staff and an asset to the City of Columbus.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'GL', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Greg Lewis

Director, Columbus Recreation Department

FACILITIES USAGE

PERMIT

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

DATE OF REQUEST: 08-31-2020

APPLICANT:

NAME/ORGANIZATION: Edward Rice / Hope of Glory - Rice Chapel
TITLE: Pastor PHONE: 662-425-5878 EMAIL: RRideals to life@gmail.com
LOCAL/PERMANENT ADDRESS: 714 Warpath Rd.; Columbus MS 39702

FACILITY REQUEST: (v)

CITY HALL

☐ Jeff C. Smith Public Reception Room
☐ Courtroom

FARMERS' MARKET

☐ Annex
☐ Farmers' Market
☐ Parking Lot

J.M. TROTTER CONVENTION CENTER

☐ Upper Level
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☐ Patio (M-Th)

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

☐ Courtroom

PARKS & RECREATION

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☒ Townsend Stage

Propst Park

REGAL HALL

RIVERWALK

☐ Riverside Park Stage
☐ Pedestrian Bridge

ADDITIONAL FACILITIES/PROPERTY

☐ Catfish Alley Stage
☐ Leadership Plaza
☐ Parking Lot(s)

ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

NAME OF ACTIVITY: Out Reach Community Caring DATE OF ACTIVITY: 10-10-2020
BEGINNING TIME 11:00 ☒ AM ☐ PM ENDING: 2:00 ☐ AM ☒ PM

☐ SECURITY REQUESTED ☒ FREE EVENT ☐ PAID EVENT ☐ ALCOHOL ☐ COMPLIMENTARY USE REQUESTED

PURPOSE: Out Reach to the community about Jesus Christ

NUMBER OF PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE: 15 AGE OF ANY MINORS: 1

NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH MINORS: Mary James

APPROVAL

APPROVED BY: _____
FACILITY DEPARTMENT HEAD

DATE: _____

APPROVED BY: _____
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

DATE: _____

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DATE OF REQUEST: 9/8/26

APPLICANT:

NAME/ORGANIZATION: Councilwoman L. Harris + Columbus Recreation Dep.

TITLE: Councilwoman + Park Director PHONE: 662-251-6048 EMAIL: greg.lewis@columbusms.gov

LOCAL/PERMANENT ADDRESS: 2535 Main Street

FACILITY REQUEST: (v)

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ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

NAME OF ACTIVITY: Community Information and Bingo DATE OF ACTIVITY: 9/21/26 and 12/7/26

BEGINNING TIME 8 ☒ AM ☐ PM ENDING: 1 ☐ AM ☒ PM

☐ SECURITY REQUESTED ☐ FREE EVENT ☐ PAID EVENT ☐ ALCOHOL ☒ COMPLIMENTARY USE REQUESTED

PURPOSE: Inform citizens of city services

NUMBER OF PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE: 150 AGE OF ANY MINORS: _____

NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH MINORS: _____

APPROVAL

APPROVED BY: [Signature]
FACILITY DEPARTMENT HEAD

DATE: 9-8-26

APPROVED BY: _____
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

DATE: _____

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRAVEL SOUGHT

- Typed or Printed Name of Official Applying for Travel: Charles Yarbrough
 - Name of Event Official seeks to Attend: Mississippi Fire Chief Conference
 - Benefit to City resulting from Attendance:
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- Location (City & State) of the Event for which Travel is sought: Oxford, MS
 - Name of Hotel, Motel or place of Lodging if reimbursement is sought: Towne Place Suites
 - Proposed Date of Departure: 12/15/2026 • Proposed Date of Return: 12/17/2026
 - Mode of Transportation: City

ITEMIZED ESTIMATE OF COSTS OF TRAVEL

- Estimated Total Fees for Registration of all programs at Event, Conference, Seminar, Class or Program: \$ 145.00
- Cost per Night of Lodging: \$ 155.00
- Total Estimated Lodging Costs for All Nights: \$ 310.00
- Estimated Cost of Transportation (Gas, Airfare, Taxi or Mileage Reimbursement):
 - Gas (if using City Vehicle): \$ 100.00
 - Airfare (if flying): \$ _____
 - Taxi Service (if anticipated): \$ _____
 - Mileage Reimbursement (if driving Personal Vehicle): \$ _____
- Estimated Cost of Meals: \$ 204.00
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- Any other Estimated Costs: \$ _____
- TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS** \$ 659.00

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Signature: _____

Date: 9/3/2026

City of Columbus Travel Form

AFTER approval, complete this form, attach travel information & email everything to travel@columbusms.gov or angela.jones@columbusms.gov with the subject line "TRAVEL". You may hand-deliver to Mayor's Office. Angela is responsible for booking HOTEL rooms for city employees on city's travel card. Please be sure to submit purchase orders for conference registrations, membership fees, etc.

Date: Sept. 3, 2026

Name of Traveler: Charles Yarbrough Email: charles.yarbrough@columbusms.gov

Administrative Assistant's Email: dorothea.tompkins@columbusms.gov

CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

Name: ms Fire Chiefs Association Date(s) of Conference: December 16-17, 2026

LODGING: Please include direct number to both hotels. Note special hotel rates/codes

Preferred Hotel: Towne Place Suites 2nd Choice: Hampton Inn Oxford

*Check- In Date: December 15, 2026 Check-Out Date: December 17, 2026

*Check-in date is contingent upon conference location & agenda. Example: If conference is in Mobile and Day 1 begins at 2 pm, check-in date will be Day 1. If conference is in Orlando and Day 1 begins at 8 am, check-in date will be the prior day.

Special Accommodations _____

TRANSPORTATION:

☒ City Vehicle ☐ Personal Vehicle (mileage form must be completed by office staff)

☐ Airline Ticket -- From _____ Airport (need code) To _____ Airport (need code)

Name as it appears on ID: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Seating Preference (not guaranteed) _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- All travel information will be emailed to traveler and administrative assistant of that department.
- Print ALL travel information, particularly credit card authorization form, if applicable, & have email handy.
- Contact hotel directly a few days prior to leaving to ensure a seamless check-in, especially if you are checking in on Friday, Saturday or Sunday!
- Mention tax exemption (in state of MS) upon check-in. Before leaving, obtain a receipt and ensure taxes are not charged for any hotel in the state of MS.
- Upon return, please verify Angela received a hotel receipt. All other receipts (meals, ride share, etc.) are to be attached to the completed reimbursement voucher that goes to Accounts Payables, Latoya Harris, ext. 4605.
- Please take a credit, debit or pre-paid card with you for incidentals. The reservation made for you only includes room and taxes (if applicable) and resort fees (if applicable).
- Fuelman Users: When an employee travels outside of Mississippi and Alabama, Fuelman needs to be informed a week prior to use. Most purchases are limited to \$150 per day. Employees must purchase regular unleaded fuel unless specified otherwise. This is a new task so I ask for your patience and understanding.

Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association
6455 Wirtz Rd
Flowood, MS 39232
(601) 981-2915

Application for Membership

(Please Print)

Name: Charles Yarbrough
Address: 118 Copperfield Ct.
City: Starkville State: MS Zip: 39759
County: Okt: bbeha Email: charles.yarbrough@columbus.ms.gov
Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: 662-722-0051
Department or Organization: Columbus Fire and Rescue
How long with Dept. or Org. 5 mo. Rank/Title: Fire Chief
Signature: Charles Yarbrough Date: 9-3-26

MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$45.00 annually

Every active person eligible to become a member of this association shall submit an application to the Secretary, with the entrance fee.

Annual dues are payable on the first day of each year.

ETHAN FORESMAN, Vice-Pres. N. W.
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Gulfport

MISSISSIPPI FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

www.msfirechiefs.org

August 29, 2026

Dear Fellow Member:

It's that time again; 2027 is getting closer and memberships are coming due. I hope 2026 was a great year for you and hope that 2027 will be even better. I encourage you to make 2027 a good year for the Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association by contributing in any way possible. In order to make this association into a great association it takes every member working together.

Membership dues are \$45.00 per eligible member, which are payable by January 1, 2026. If mailing several payments, please include each member the dues are for, along with their rank and address. If you know of someone who wants to be a member and is eligible, they can send their information along with \$45.00 to Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association, 6455 Wirtz Rd, Flowood, MS 39232. Additional applications can be found at www.msfirechiefs.org. There is still the on-line membership renewal option available on our updated website.

We look forward to seeing you at the Mississippi Fire Chiefs Mid-Winter Conference in Oxford. Please mark your calendar for December 16 and 17, 2026. Check the website for more details. We are still planning the conference and the agenda will be out as soon as possible. As you know every event this past year had to be flexible.

You may have received a few emails since July. This is an attempt to keep the membership as up to date with information as possible. It is our desire to push more emails as we publish information to the website and Facebook. If you did not receive an email you may need to contact us to verify, we have your correct email.

Once again, I hope 2026 has been kind to you and wish you an even better 2027. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Stephen Applewhite
Secretary/Treasurer
Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association
Phone # (601) 981-2929
www.msfirechiefs.org

2026 MID-WINTER FIRE CHIEFS CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 16TH AND 17TH

OXFORD CONFERENCE CENTER

102 ED PERRY BLVD

OXFORD, MS 38655

Name(Print): Charles Yarbrough Title: Fire Chief

Department: Columbus Fire and Rescue

Address: 118 Copperfield Court

City: Starkville State: MS Zip Code: 39759

Phone: _____ Email: Charles.Yarbrough@columbusms.gov

****Registration Fee-\$100 (Fee will increase to \$115 after Monday, November 9th, 2026)****

Early Registration: 1 @ \$100 = \$ 100.00 Guest Registration: _____ @ \$25 = \$ _____

Late Registration: _____ @ \$115 = \$ _____

Please make all checks payable to :

MS Fire Chiefs Association

6455 Wirtz Rd

Flowood, MS 39232

Host Hotels:

Towne Place Suites

105 Ed Perry Blvd

Oxford, MS 38655

Hampton Inn Oxford

103 Ed Perry Blvd

Oxford, MS 38655

Conference Rate for both hotels is **\$139 per night** and are conveniently located directly across the street from the conference center and close to many local restaurants.

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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

DATE OF REQUEST: 9/8/26

APPLICANT:

NAME/ORGANIZATION: Councilman R. Smith and Columbus Recreation Dept.

TITLE: Councilman & Park Director PHONE: 662-251-6048 EMAIL: greg.lewis@columbusms.gov

LOCAL/PERMANENT ADDRESS: 2535 Main Street

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RIVERWALK

☐ Riverside Park Stage
☐ Pedestrian Bridge

ADDITIONAL FACILITIES/PROPERTY

☐ Catfish Alley Stage
☐ Leadership Plaza
☐ Parking Lot(s)

ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

NAME OF ACTIVITY: Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon DATE OF ACTIVITY: 11/23/26

BEGINNING TIME 8 ☒ AM ☐ PM ENDING: 2:30 ☐ AM ☒ PM

☐ SECURITY REQUESTED ☐ FREE EVENT ☐ PAID EVENT ☐ ALCOHOL ☒ COMPLIMENTARY USE REQUESTED

PURPOSE: Provide Thanksgiving lunch for area senior citizens in a safe environment.

NUMBER OF PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE: 500+ AGE OF ANY MINORS: _____

NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH MINORS: _____

APPROVAL

APPROVED BY: [Signature]
FACILITY DEPARTMENT HEAD

DATE: 9-8-26

APPROVED BY: _____
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

DATE: _____

ALABAMA FOSSIL FEST

**CELEBRATING DEEP TIME
IN THE DEEP SOUTH**

**Saturday, September 12, 2026 | 1:00-4:00 P.M.
at the Alabama Museum of Natural History**

**FREE EVENT | ALL AGES
HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES
NEW EXHIBIT OPENING**



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**EXTENSION OF
INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
BY AND BETWEEN
THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI AND THE
COLUMBUS-LOWNDES CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU**

THIS EXTENSION OF INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT (the “Extension”) is made and entered into by and between the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi (the “City”), and the Columbus-Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau (the “CVB”), collectively referred to as the “Parties.”

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Parties previously entered into that certain Interlocal Cooperative Agreement concerning their cooperative undertaking to support the completion of the Amphitheatre in Columbus, Mississippi (the “Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, Section I of the Agreement provides that, unless earlier terminated, the Agreement remains in effect until September 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to extend the duration of the Agreement through September 30, 2027, while leaving all other terms and conditions of the Agreement unchanged.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND AGREED by the Parties, for good and valuable consideration and pursuant to the authority cited in the Agreement, as follows:

1. Extension of Duration. Section I of the Agreement is hereby amended solely to extend the expiration date from September 30, 2026, to September 30, 2027. Unless earlier terminated in accordance with the Agreement, the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect through September 30, 2027.

2. Ratification. Except as expressly modified by this Extension, all terms, provisions, duties, obligations, and conditions of the Agreement are hereby ratified and confirmed and shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

3. Incorporation. This Extension shall be deemed a part of the Agreement. In the event of any conflict between this Extension and the Agreement concerning the duration of the Agreement, this Extension shall control.

4. Approval and Filing. This Extension shall become effective upon approval as required by applicable law and shall be filed in the same manner required for the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Extension to be executed by their duly authorized representatives on the dates written below.

CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI

By: _____

STEPHEN T. JONES, MAYOR

Date: _____

ATTEST:

JAMES BRIGHAM,
SECRETARY/TREASURER

COLUMBUS-LOWNDES CONVENTION

AND

VISITORS BUREAU

By: _____

LIZ TERRY, CHAIR

Date: _____

ATTEST:

SECRETARY/TREASURER

**JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING INTERLOCAL
COOPERATION AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi ("City") and Columbus-Lowndes Convention and Visitor's Bureau ("CVB"), together referred to as "The Parties," each have certain responsibilities for provision of services and facilities to further quality recreation, improve tourism and promote the health, safety, welfare, happiness and quality of life within the City, and Lowndes County; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement to provide for a cooperative undertaking to advance tourism and special events, as more specifically provided in the attached Interlocal Cooperation Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that under the provisions of *Miss. Code Ann.* 1972, §§17-13-1 et. seq., including specifically §17-13-7 and 17-3-9, that Stephen Jones, Mayor of the City of Columbus, Mississippi, and Liz Terry, Chair of the Board of Directors of the CVB, are each hereby authorized, empowered and directed on behalf of The Parties to execute the attached Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, and that upon adoption by the City, and the CVB, that a copy of this Resolution and the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement be forwarded to the Attorney General of the State of Mississippi for approval, and thereafter that a copy of the same be forwarded to the Chancery Clerk of Lowndes County, Mississippi, and filed in accordance with §17-13-1 et seq.

SO RESOLVED, this the 20th day of November, 2025.

CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI

By: 
STEPHEN JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:


JAMES BRIGHAM, SECRETARY/TREASURER



AND BY:

COLUMBUS-LOWNDES CONVENTION AND
VISITORS BUREAU

BY: Liz Terry
LIZ TERRY, CHAIR

ATTEST: Chandra

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of that certain Resolution which was duly approved and adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi, in a regular meeting assembled on this the 20th day of November, 2025, as the same appears of record in the official minutes of record in my office.

This 20th day of November, 2025.



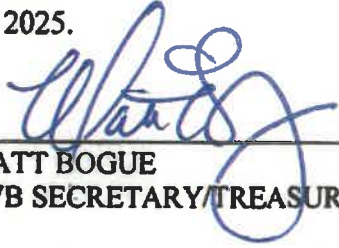
JAMES BRIGHAM
CITY SECRETARY/TREASURER



SECRETARY/TREASURER'S CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of that certain Resolution which was duly approved and adopted by the Columbus-Lowndes Convention and Visitor's Bureau, City of Columbus, Mississippi, in a regular meeting assembled on this the 18th day of November, 2025, as the same appears of record in the official minutes of record in my office.

This 20th day of November, 2025.



MATT BOGUE
CVB SECRETARY/TREASURER

**INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN
THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI AND THE
COLUMBUS-LOWNDES CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU**

This Agreement is made and entered into this date by and between the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi ("City") on the one hand and the Columbus-Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau on the other hand.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi, acting for and on behalf of Columbus, Mississippi, adopted a resolution at a lawfully called meeting duly convened on November 20, 2025, and did unanimously adopt a resolution authorizing the adoption and delivery of this Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Columbus, Mississippi and the Columbus-Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau, Columbus Mississippi and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Columbus-Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau ("the CVB"), acting on behalf of the CVB, adopted a resolution at a lawfully called meeting duly convened on November 18, 2025, and did unanimously adopt a resolution authorizing the adoption and delivery of this Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between City of Columbus, Mississippi, on the one hand and the Columbus-Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau on the other hand (collectively the "Parties");

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Parties above referenced enter into this Agreement as follows:

I. DURATION

Unless earlier terminated, as contemplated in Section VI herein, this Agreement shall take effect upon the approval of the Attorney General of Mississippi and shall remain in effect until September 30, 2026, whichever time is shorter, unless the Columbus-Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau and its successors or assigns cease to exist.

II. PURPOSES

The Parties agree that it is to the benefit of the Parties to take cooperative action to support the completion of the Amphitheatre in Columbus, Mississippi.

Thus, the Parties agree that their purposes in entering into this Interlocal Cooperation Agreement are to concentrate their assets in furtherance of the purposes of improving and supporting special events in the City and the County with the ultimate goal of increasing tourism revenue and enhancing quality of life for the citizens of Columbus and visitors thereof and to

advertise and bring into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City and the County leading up to and including when such events take place as authorized by Section 17-3-1 of the Mississippi Code.

III. CITATION OF AUTHORITY

The City of Columbus is authorized to exercise powers pursuant to Sections 21-17-1, 21-17-5 and 17-3-1 of the Mississippi Code. The CVB is authorized to exercise powers pursuant to House Bill 1552 (Laws, of 2011, Regular Session), House Bill 325 (Laws, of 2019, Regular Session) and House Bill 1581 (Laws, of 2023, Regular Session) and specific authority to carry out the provisions of this Agreement under Section 2(1)(f) of said House Bill 1552 and Section 2(f) of House Bill 325. The Parties hereto have statutory authority to enter into this Agreement under Section 17-13-5 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 (The Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1974), which defines "Local Government Unit" to include any incorporated city, and local tourism commissions and defines the "Governing Authority" to include the governing board of any city, and the commission of a local tourism commission. Section 17-13-7(4) of the Mississippi Code authorizes the Governing Authority of Local Government Units to enter into written contractual agreements with one another for joint or cooperative action to provide services and facilities pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

IV. TERMS OF THE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT

The CVB agrees, for the duration of this Agreement and upon request by the City, to remit to the City, for purposes of completing construction of the Amphitheatre in Columbus, Mississippi, the following amounts and upon the following terms:

- The total amount of One Million and 00/100ths Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) during the CVB's fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, as needed and requested by the City.
- No payment will be owed or paid unless and until the construction of the project has commenced and a firm target completion date has been stated by the City.
- In consideration of the payments stated herein, a representative chosen by the Board of Directors of the CVB shall be advised of and granted full and complete access to all meetings, with full voting rights of any committee, board or commission created or designated by the City for the construction of and/or operation of the Amphitheatre, including after construction has been completed.

**V. MANNER OF FINANCING, STAFFING AND SUPPLYING
THE COOPERATIVE UNDERTAKING AND
ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING A
BUDGET THEREFORE;
ACCOUNTING FOR SAME**

The CVB shall finance the cooperative undertaking as specified above. The City may contribute to the cooperative undertaking as specified above and may contribute additional funds in furtherance of the purposes of this Agreement. The Secretary/Treasurer of the City shall be designated to receive, disburse and account for the funds paid to the City by the CVB under this Agreement. The City shall maintain a budget for the funds to be provided by the CVB to the City, and the Secretary/Treasurer of the City is designated to receive and disburse such funds as provided for herein.

**VI. METHOD OF TERMINATION OF THIS
AGREEMENT AND DISPOSITION
OF PROPERTY UPON SAME**

Subject to termination by a successor Board of the Parties, this Agreement may be terminated only upon the joint approval of the City and the CVB. Once terminated, all the property of the City, including property purchased by the City with the funds provided by the CVB pursuant to this Agreement, shall remain that of the City. The Parties shall not purchase any jointly owned property, so upon termination of this Agreement, each Party shall continue to own its separate property. To the extent there is any jointly owned property upon termination of this Agreement, such property will be sold and the proceeds of the sale divided evenly between the Parties hereto.

VII. ADMINISTRATION OF THE COOPERATIVE UNDERTAKING

The Mayor and City Council of the City shall administer the expenditure of the funds described herein, with input from a representative of the Board of the CVB.

**VIII. MANNER OF ACQUIRING, HOLDING OR DISPOSING
OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY**

No real property shall be acquired by either party with funds provided pursuant to this Agreement. Any personal property acquired by the City in carrying out this Agreement shall be obtained in accordance with the State's public purchasing laws. Any personal property acquired by the CVB in carrying out this Agreement shall be obtained in accordance with the State's public purchasing laws. Any jointly owned surplus personal property of any party shall be disposed of in accordance with law and the proceeds divided as provided in Article VI herein.

IX. OTHER MATTERS

A. Approval and Filing.

This Agreement shall not take effect until the same has been approved by the Attorney General of the State of Mississippi in accordance with the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act. In addition, this Agreement shall not take effect until the same is filed with the Chancery Clerk of Lowndes County, the Secretary Treasurer of the City of Columbus and the Secretary of State of Mississippi.

B. Severability.

If any clause, provision or section of this Agreement shall be ruled invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause, provision or section shall not affect any of the remaining provisions hereof.

C. Counterparts.

This Agreement may be executed simultaneously or in counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

D. Law Governing.

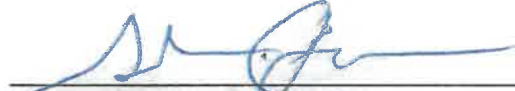
This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi, specifically Sections 17-13-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, as amended, being the Interlocal Government Cooperation Act of 1974, as amended.

E. Headings.

The headings of the provisions within this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and shall not be deemed to change the other written provisions within this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi, and the Columbus-Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau have caused this Agreement to be executed in their respective names and under their respective corporate seals to be hereunto affixed and attested by duly authorized officers as of the 20th day of November, 2025 for the CVB, and as of the 20th day of November, 2025 for the City.

CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI


STEPHEN JONES, MAYOR

ATTEST:


JAMES BRIGHAM, SECRETARY/TREASURER
(S E A L)

COLUMBUS-LOWNDES CONVENTION AND
VISITORS BUREAU


LIZ TERRY, CHAIR

ATTEST:


(S E A L)



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF LOWNDES

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, in and for said State and County, within my jurisdiction, the within named STEPHEN JONES, who acknowledged that he is the Mayor of the City of Columbus, Mississippi, and attested by James Brigham who acknowledged that he is the Secretary/Treasurer of the City of Columbus, and that for and on behalf of the said City, and as its act and deed, they signed, sealed and delivered the above and foregoing instrument of writing for the purposes mentioned on the day and year therein mentioned, after first having been duly authorized by the City Council so to do.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL on this the 20th day of November, 2025.

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires:

9/10/2029



Jeffrey J. Turnage
NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF LOWNDES

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, in and for said State and County, within my jurisdiction, the within named LIZ TERRY, who acknowledged that she is the Chair of the Columbus-Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau, Columbus Mississippi, and attested by Matt Bogue, who acknowledged that he is the Secretary/Treasurer of the said Bureau, and that for and on behalf of the said Bureau, and as its act and deed, they signed, sealed and delivered the above and foregoing instrument of writing for the purposes mentioned on the day and year therein mentioned, after first having been duly authorized by said Bureau so to do.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL on this the 20th day of November, 2025.

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires:

January 17, 2026



Sharon A. Johnson
NOTARY PUBLIC

