

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI
TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR PROJECTS ELIGIBLE FOR MONEY
FROM THE GULF COAST RESTORATION FUND**

COME NOW, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the City of Ocean Springs and finds that:

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Mississippi has established the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund (GCRF) to allocate funds received from a settlement related to the BP Oil Spill; and

WHEREAS, in Senate Bill No. 2002 the Legislature established criteria for projects to be eligible for said funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ocean Springs has considered multiple projects it wishes to undertake that may be eligible and best fit the criteria for funding under the GCRF; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined its priority project for consideration of funding under the GCRF is a parking structure; and

WHEREAS, the City would develop an application jointly as a Public/Private Partnership with the developers of 1515 Government Street, OHOS, LLC., allowing the private investments to the project to contribute toward the required 20% match; and

WHEREAS, the City would contribute to allow for the development of a parking structure on the property; and

WHEREAS, the desired parking structure will allow for long-term growth and expansion of both existing and future downtown retail and entertainment business opportunities of the City by allowing for increased consumer traffic; and

WHEREAS, the parking structure will enhance tourism in the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that a second project in the form of paving and other

improvements to the Highway 57 Sports Complex shall also be requested with the GCRF Funds;
and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the Highway 57 Sports Complex is essential for the tourism and recreation opportunities of the city; and

WHEREAS, the Highway 57 Sports Complex is in need of paving of parking areas and other improvements to better serve visitors of the Sports Complex; and

WHEREAS, the 20% match for the Highway 57 Sports Complex parking and other improvements will be provided by local funds; and

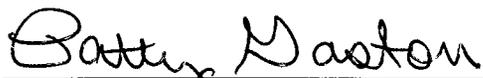
WHEREAS, paving of the parking area and other improvements to the Highway 57 Sports Complex will enhance tourism and improve the quality of life for the residents of Ocean Springs; and

WHEREAS, the City shall submit all requests for funding for these projects pursuant to the governing statute(s) and rules established by the Mississippi Development Authority or other agency.

AND SO THE ABOVE FINDINGS ARE THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi on this the 19th day of July, 2019.



MAYOR



ATTEST: CITY CLERK