

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD, MISSISSIPPI
SUPPORTING LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION TO ALLOW THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY TO
ENACT A PARKS AND RECREATION SPECIAL PARCEL ASSESSMENT.**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council for the City of Diamondhead are developing future plans for recreational and leisure activities within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are working to implement the recommendations and strategies identified in its 25-year Comprehensive Plan as well as the recommendations reported in the 2017 Limited Scope Performance Audit conducted by Office of the State Auditor therein supporting the consolidation of public services for our residents; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the parks and recreational amenities are owned, funded and maintained by the Diamondhead Country Club & Property Owners Association with private funds generated in the form of a dues assessment pursuant to its covenants; and

WHEREAS, the Diamondhead Country Club & Property Owner Association covenants pursuant to it's terms begin to expire in 2020 therefore potentially resulting in a significant decrease in revenue or potentially becoming non-existent; and

WHEREAS, the City of Diamondhead believes that should the covenants expire and render the Diamondhead Property Owner's Association insolvent, the residents of Diamondhead would experience a tremendous loss with the demise of the parks and recreational amenities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are in support of and seeking local and private legislation that would permit the governing body of the City of Diamondhead to enact a flat-fee special parcel assessment for the sole purpose of supporting a parks and recreation department within the City of Diamondhead, if necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council further acknowledge that such parks and recreation parcel special assessment would be subject to the processes as outlined in the Statute for any other increase and additional tax levy including but not limited to the requirement of referendum to be considered by the voters of the City of Diamondhead.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Mayor and Council of the City of

Diamondhead, Mississippi do hereby request local and private legislation that would allow for the enactment of a flat-fee special parks and recreation parcel assessment.

Motion was made by Councilmember _____, seconded by Councilmember _____ and the order resolution was so adopted by roll call vote as follows on _____ day of _____, 2020.

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Councilmember Depreo	____	____	____
Councilmember Moran	____	____	____
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Councilmember Clark	____	____	____
Councilmember L'Ecuyer	____	____	____
Mayor Schafer	____	____	____

APPROVED _____

Mayor Thomas E. Schafer, IV

ATTEST: _____

Jeannie Klein, City Clerk

SEAL