

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL (THE "GOVERNING BODY") OF THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD, MISSISSIPPI (THE "CITY"), TO ACQUIRE, BY DONATION FROM WILLIAM AND MARGARET HOWELL, CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY FOR DRAINAGE AND GREENSPACE PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City Council (the "Governing Body") of the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi (the "City"), acting for and on behalf of the City, hereby finds and determines as follows:

1. The City is in need of acquiring certain real property for drainage and greenspace purposes that is currently owned by Diamondhead Country Club & Property Owners Association, Inc.
2. The City is authorized to acquire real property pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §21-17-1.
3. William and Margaret Howell have expressed a willingness to donate the property legally described in the Deed of Dedication and attached hereto as Exhibit "A" to this resolution.
4. The City is willing to accept the donation of the aforementioned properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the Governing Body of the City will accept the donation of the aforementioned property.

SECTION 2. That the Governing Body of the City does hereby authorize the City Attorney to prepare any and all documentation related to the acquisition of the aforementioned property by donation, for the City Manager to execute any necessary documentation to effectuate the donation of the subject property and to execute the Dedication Deed on behalf of the City attached collectively hereto as Exhibit "A."

The above and foregoing resolution, after having been first reduced to writing, was introduced by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Sheppard and the question being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent
Councilmember Finley	<u>✓</u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
Councilmember Sheppard	<u>✓</u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
Councilmember Harwood	<u>✓</u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
Councilmember Clark	<u>✓</u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
Councilmember Maher	<u>✓</u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>
Mayor Liese	<u>✓</u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>

The motion having received the affirmative vote of a majority of all of the members of the Governing Body, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted, this the 16 day of December, 2025.

Anna Liese  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Dannie Klein  
CITY CLERK

(SEAL)



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INDEXING INSTRUCTIONS:

Lot 07, Block 1, Phase 1, Unit 6,  
Diamondhead Subdivision,  
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

GRANTORS ADDRESS:  
WILLIAM D. HOWELL, JR./MARGARET B. HOWELL  
8322 Maunalani Place  
DIAMONDHEAD, MS 39525  
(228) 255-3498

GRANTEE'S ADDRESS:  
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5000 DIAMONDHEAD CIRCLE  
DIAMONDHEAD MS 39525  
(228) 222-4626

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HANCOCK

**DEED OF DEDICATION**

This DEED OF DEDICATION ("Deed") is made this 22 day of December, 2025, by and between WILLIAM D. HOWELL, JR. and MARGARET B. HOWELL, GRANTORS, and THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD, a municipality created and existing under the State of Mississippi ("City"), GRANTEE.

**\*\*WITNESSETH\*\***

WHEREAS, WILLIAM D. HOWELL, JR./MARGARET B. HOWELL wishes to dedicate, grant and convey the following property to the City and be relieved of the cost and responsibilities associated with maintaining same; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to acquire the property and assume the cost and responsibilities for maintaining same; and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2025, the Diamondhead City Council passed a resolution and order accepting the dedication of the property conveyed herein and agreeing to the terms contained herein, copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the recitals and the mutual benefits, covenants and terms herein contained, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, WILLIAM D. HOWELL, JR./MARGARET B. HOWELL hereby dedicates, grants, conveys, covenants and agrees as follows:

**DEDICATION OF ONE UNDEVELOPED TRACT**

For and in consideration of the City accepting the property and maintaining the property as greenspace and drainage, WILLIAM D. HOWELL, JR./MARGARET B. HOWELL, being the sole owner of, and the only party having any interest in, the property, does hereby dedicate, grant and convey unto the City, its successors and assigns, in fee simple, for the use of the general public as a greenspace and for drainage, the property described herein below and improvements thereon and appurtenances thereto, if any. This dedication of the property is made without warranties of any kind.

The City specifically accepts the dedication of the property without warranty and subject to the following conditions:

The conveyance herein is made subject to such valid mineral reservations and/or conveyances, if any, as may have been heretofore made on the property, or filed in the land records of the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

The conveyance herein is made subject to any and all easements located on, over and across the property, or filed in the land records of the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

The conveyance herein is made subject to any and all rights-of-way and/or easements for public utilities in, on and under the property.

The conveyance herein is made subject to the City maintaining the property as greenspace and for drainage and said property is not to be developed.

Legal Description of the Undeveloped Tract:

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Lot 07, Block 1, Phase 1, Unit 6, Diamondhead Subdivision, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi

Together with all improvements situated thereon, and the perpetual right of ingress and egress over and upon all streets, roads, avenues and boulevards shown on said subdivision plat.

IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED that this instrument constitutes the entire agreement between Grantors and Grantee, there being no other oral agreements or representations of any kind or nature whatsoever.

EXECUTED, this the 22 day of December, 2025.

GRANTORS:

WILLIAM D. HOWELL, JR.

William D. Howell

MARGARET B. HOWELL

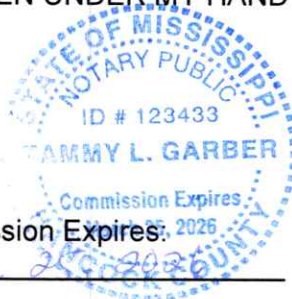
Margaret B. Howell

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned Notary Public, the within named William D. Howell & Margaret B. Howell, who acknowledged that he signed and delivered this instrument on the day and year herein mentioned, after first having been duly authorized to do so.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL this the 22 day of December, 2025.



My Commission Expires March 25, 2026

Tammy L. Garber  
NOTARY PUBLIC



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned Notary Public, the within named Margaret Howell, who acknowledged that she signed and delivered this instrument on the day and year herein mentioned, after first having been duly authorized to do so.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL this the 22 day of December, 2025.



Tammy L. Garber  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

March 25, 2026

GRANTEE:

CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD, MISSISSIPPI

BY:

[Signature]  
CITY MANAGER

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned Notary Public, the within named Jon McCraw, who acknowledged that he is City Manager of the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, and that in said representative capacity he signed and delivered this instrument on the day and year herein mentioned, after first having been duly authorized to do so.

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Tammy L. Garber  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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