

FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD, MISSISSIPPI,  
HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AND  
THE DIAMONDHEAD FIRE DISTRICT

The City of Diamondhead and Hancock County, recognizing the necessity and wisdom of cooperation in fire protection, do hereby agree to assist each other as described below and in furtherance to and pursuant to the terms of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Diamondhead and Hancock County.

The Diamondhead Fire District of Diamondhead, Mississippi provides fire protection services to the residents of the City of Diamondhead, and recognizes that fire protection to such residents and areas of Diamondhead is best provided at this time by cooperative agreements between fire protection districts and municipalities, State agencies other entities located within the County.

The Diamondhead Fire District agrees to respond to fires in the City of Diamondhead corporate limits as well as other agreed response areas established by the parties hereto and shown on map maintained by the Diamondhead Fire District Fire Chief. The geographic area shall hereafter be referred to as the "agreed response area". It is understood between the parties that, except as otherwise hereafter provided, the Diamondhead Fire District has a first responsibility to provide fire protection to its Diamondhead municipal residents. The Diamondhead Fire District further agrees to respond to rural fires beyond the agreed response area as it feels necessary and proper.

In accordance with the provisions of the Mississippi Code, the Hancock County Board of Supervisors has appointed the Hancock County Emergency Management Director as County Fire Coordinator to act as a liaison between the City of Diamondhead, Diamondhead Fire District, State Coordinator, the Commissioner of Insurance and The State Rating Bureau and entities providing fire protection services to City of Diamondhead, including the City signatory to the contract. This duties of the Fire Coordinator include administrative functions, including securing of documents and reports necessary to secure rebate funds through the Department of Insurance. City of Diamondhead, Diamondhead Fire District and Hancock County Board of Supervisors agree the County Fire Coordinator shall be the initial County representative for receipt of documents and reports required hereunder related to inspection, maintenance and use of fire equipment, and for certificates of insurance and other documentation required by the Commissioner of Insurance for release of fire rebate funds.

In return for provision of fire protection services for the residents of the corporate city limits of Diamondhead, the governing body of the City of Diamondhead agrees to transfer to the Hancock County Board of Supervisors all annual insurance rebate allocations which funds shall be earmarked and solely expended for the support, operation, maintenance and equipping of the Diamondhead Fire District for the purpose of providing fire protection within the corporate limits of the City of Diamondhead; as is provided by State Law under the provision of Section 83-1-39 of the Mississippi Code. The

Diamondhead Fire District and the Hancock County Board of Supervisors further agree to follow and comply with guidelines established by the Commissioner of Insurance in the compliance with Section 45-11-7 of the Mississippi Code, and to establish and maintain a system of record keeping and reports related to the receipt and expenditure of fire protection funds, the training of fire personal and the submission of other data reasonably related to local fire protection responsibilities. Such information and reports shall be provided on a monthly basis to County Fire Coordinator.

City of Diamondhead, Mississippi

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor

Hancock County Board of Supervisors

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Board President

DATE: 4-22-2026

Diamondhead Fire District

BY: *Tisha O'Brien*

Board President

Approved

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner of Insurance