

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE INTERLOCAL
COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AND
THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES**

WHEREAS, in the desire of both governmental agencies, the City of Diamondhead and the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, under the authority of Chapter 13, Title 17, Mississippi Code 1972 Annotated, as amended to serve the best interest of their taxpayers through consolidation of services and reduction of costs where possible; and

WHEREAS, the City of Diamondhead, through its governing authority, and Hancock County, Mississippi, through its Board of Supervisors, desire to re-enter into an Interlocal Governmental Cooperation Agreement as provided by §17-13-1 and §17-17-5, et. seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of such an Agreement is to provide for the collection of delinquent taxes by the Hancock County Chancery Clerk for the City of Diamondhead, the providing for such governmental services, as more specifically set forth in the interlocal agreement, under the terms and conditions set forth therein; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD, by and through its Mayor and City Council (hereinafter referred to as the "CITY"), that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and enter into an Interlocal Agreement Relating to the Collection of Delinquent Taxes with Hancock County, Mississippi for the specified services as therein defined; said Agreement being authorized under the authority of Chapter 13, Title 17, Mississippi Code 1972 Annotated, as amended, and subject to the approval of the Attorney General of the State of Mississippi.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD ON THE ____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

	Aye	Nay	Absent
Mayor Depreo	___	___	___
Councilmember Finley	___	___	___
Councilmember Liese	___	___	___
Councilmember Cumberland	___	___	___
Councilmember Maher	___	___	___

ATTEST: _____
CITY CLERK

APPROVED: _____
NANCY DEPREO, MAYOR

seal

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT regarding
COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES by and
between HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, and
the CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD, MISSISSIPPI

WHEREAS, it is the desire of both these local government units, under the authority of Miss. Code Ann. §17-13-1, et seq. (1972), as amended, to serve the best interest of their taxpayers through consolidation of services and reduction of costs where possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED by and between the CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD (hereinafter "City") and the COUNTY OF HANCOCK (hereinafter "County") as follows:

1. The Hancock County Chancery Clerk will be responsible for receiving and receipting tax redemption payments, notifying owners of the time for expiration of redemption and issuing deeds for such tax sales. The Chancery Clerk shall be paid twenty dollars (\$20.00) per parcel for the cost of researching land records for the purpose of notifying owners and lienors of tax sales and maturity dates.
2. The Chancery Clerk shall provide tax redemption services to the City on all property within the City and within any City School District for additional compensation as may be agreed between the Chancery Clerk and the Mayor and City Council.
3. This contract will be in effect for an initial term of two (4) years commencing January 2nd, 2024, and thereafter shall be automatically renewed on an annual basis unless terminated by one of the parties hereto.
4. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §17-13-9(e), such termination shall be in the form of a written notice to the other party not less than nine (9) months in advance of the date of termination. However, the contract must be approved and spread on the minutes by the elected Board of Supervisors in 2024, when the newly elected Board of Supervisors' term begins. Likewise, this contract must be approved by the newly elected Mayor and City Council and spread on the City's minutes when the newly elected Mayor and City Council terms begin.
5. Amendment to this contract shall take place only by mutual consent of the parties pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §17-13-9(e), and with Resolutions passed by each governing entity.

6. This Agreement shall be in force and effect from and after its approval by the Attorney General pursuant to the terms and provisions of Miss. Code Ann. §17-13-11.
7. There will be no separate or legal administrative entity created hereby, but the purposes of the Agreement shall be that the governing authorities of the respective governmental entities shall cooperate together within and under the terms of this Agreement to achieve maximum efficiency for governmental services at minimum cost to the taxpayers of the City of Diamondhead.
8. The City and County recognize that the services provided herein to be rendered and engaged in jointly between the City and County require the approval and cooperation of Hancock County Chancery Clerk and that they have been fully advised and have cooperated in the formulation of this Agreement and join herein as signature parties.

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by the governing authorities of the City and the County as the same appears of record in their respective minutes.

CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD, MISSISSIPPI

By: _____
MAYOR, City of Diamondhead

HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

By: _____
PRESIDENT, Hancock County Board
of Supervisors

HANCOCK COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK