

## **RESOLUTION**

### **A RESOLUTION DECLARING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON ALL CONSTRUCTION RELATED PERMIT FEES OWED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tupelo, Mississippi was struck by an EF-1 tornado with sustained winds of up to 110 MPH on or about April 1, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, this tornado caused significant damage to many structures located in various parts of the City of Tupelo which necessitated the issuance of a formal declaration of emergency which continues to be in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, it will be necessary for many property owners to undertake construction efforts to repair their residences, commercial properties, and other structures damaged by the tornado and costly permit fees will cause unnecessary burden on these property owners; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing authorities of the City of Tupelo have the power to adopt any orders, resolutions or ordinances with respect to such municipal affairs, property and finances which are not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Mississippi.

#### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. Property owners are encouraged to submit to the Department of Development Services plans for residential and commercial construction for review by city staff or recognized design review committees.
2. Any permit fees owed to the Department of Development Services related to construction necessitated by the April 1, 2023 tornado are hereby waived up to and until July 31, 2023.
3. The Director of Development Services or his designee shall make all determinations of when construction is necessitated by property damage incurred by the April 1, 2023 tornado in Tupelo, Mississippi.
4. Property owners shall continue to apply for all necessary construction-related permits despite the waiver of any fees.

After a full discussion of this matter, Council Member \_\_\_\_\_ moved  
that the forgoing resolution be adopted and said motion was seconded by Council Member  
\_\_\_\_\_ and upon the question being put to vote, the results were as follows:

Councilmember Mims	_____
Councilmember Bryan	_____
Councilmember Beard	_____
Councilmember Davis	_____
Councilmember Palmer	_____
Councilmember Gaston	_____
Councilmember Jones	_____

**BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI** on this the \_\_\_\_ day of April 2023.

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

\_\_\_\_\_  
LYNN BRYAN, City Council President

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
MISSY SHELTON, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED

\_\_\_\_\_  
TODD JORDAN, Mayor

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DATE