

## RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION CALLING AND PROVIDING FOR THE HOLDING OF A SPECIAL ELECTION WITHIN THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, TO DETERMINE IF THE CITY OF TUPELO SHALL INCREASE THE LIMITATION PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 27-39-321, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED, TO AUTHORIZE CONTINUING THE SPECIAL LEVY OF TEN (10) MILLS OF AD VALOREM TAXES UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF TUPELO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026, AND FOR EACH OF THE NEXT FOUR (4) SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS THEREAFTER, THE TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM WHICH SPECIAL LEVY TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING OR PAVING STREETS, SIDEWALKS, DRIVEWAYS, PARKWAYS, WALKWAYS, PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE ABUTTING THERETO, OR PUBLIC PARKING FACILITIES AND PURCHASING LAND THEREFOR.**

WHEREAS, the Tupelo city Council (the “Governing Body”) acting for and on behalf of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi (the “City”) does hereby find, determine, adjudicate and declare as follows:

1. It is necessary and advisable and in the public interest of the City and its inhabitants to continue additional revenues for the purpose of street improvements, including constructing, improving or paving streets, sidewalks, driveways, parkways, walkways or public parking facilities and purchasing land therefor, and related purposes, for which there are no other available funds on hand.

2. Under the provision of Section 27-39-321(2) Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, the City is authorized to call an election on the question of increasing the limitation prescribed in Section 27-39-321(1), so as to authorize a special additional ad valorem tax levy for the purpose of obtaining and continuing such additional revenues for street improvements; and

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

**SECTION 1:** The Governing Body does hereby determine that there exists a need for additional revenues for street improvements and does declare its intentions to continue the levy of an additional ten (10) mills of ad valorem taxes upon all taxable property within the City of Tupelo for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, and for each of the next four (4) succeeding fiscal years thereafter, the total receipts from which special levy to be used for the

purpose of constructing, improving or paving streets, sidewalks, driveways, parkways, walkways, public infrastructure abutting thereto, or public parking facilities, and purchasing land therefor.

**SECTION 2:** A special election shall be and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held within the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City in the following proposition:

**SHALL THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, (THE “CITY”) INCREASE THE LIMITATION PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 27-39-321, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED, TO AUTHORIZE CONTINUING THE SPECIAL LEVY OF TEN (10) MILLS OF AD VALOREM TAXES UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF TUPELO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026, AND FOR EACH OF THE NEXT FOUR (4) SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS THEREAFTER, THE TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM WHICH SPECIAL LEVY TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING OR PAVING STREETS, SIDEWALKS, DRIVEWAYS, PARKWAYS, WALKWAYS, PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE ABUTTING THERETO, OR PUBLIC PARKING FACILITIES, AND PURCHASING LAND THEREFOR.**

**SECTION 3:** The polling places at which all qualified electors will vote in the special election will be the polling places as set forth below.

The polling places for said election shall open at 7:00 a.m. and be kept open until 7:00 p.m. of the aforesaid date, and all qualified electors of the City will be entitled to vote in said election.

**SECTION 4:** The City Clerk shall give no less than three weeks’ notice of said special election by publication of the notice thereof in the *Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal*, a newspaper published in Tupelo, Mississippi and having a general circulation among the people of the City and qualified under Section 13-3-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. The notice shall be published once a week for at least three consecutive weeks next preceding the date of said election, said publication dates being on April 9, 2026, April 16, 2026, April 23, 2026, and April 30, 2026, and notice shall be posted at three public places in the City of Tupelo. The notice shall be substantially in the following form:

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION  
CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi (the “City”), that a Special Election will be held in said City on Tuesday, the 5th day of May 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the following proposition:

**PROPOSITION 1 – STREET IMPROVEMENTS**

**SHALL THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI (THE “CITY”) INCREASE THE LIMITATION PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 27-39-321, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED, TO AUTHORIZE CONTINUING THE SPECIAL LEVY OF TEN (10) MILLS OF AD VALOREM TAXES UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF TUPELO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026, AND FOR THE NEXT FOUR (4) SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS THEREAFTER, THE TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM WHICH SPECIAL LEVY TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING OR PAVING STREETS, SIDEWALKS, DRIVEWAYS, PARKWAYS, WALKWAYS, PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE ABUTTING THERETO, OR PUBLIC PARKING FACILITIES AND PURCHASING LAND THEREFOR.**

The special election will be held in the following polling places in the City:

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Precinct</u>	<u>Location</u>
1	1 Bel-Air Senior Center	2107 Country Club Road Tupelo, MS 38804
1	2 Tupelo Furniture Market	1879 Coley Rd Tupelo, MS 38801
2	3 Parkway Baptist Church	1302 Lee St Tupelo, MS 38804
2	4 Wildwood Baptist Church	2280 W Jackson St. Tupelo, MS 38801
3	5 Lawndale Presbyterian Church	1500 Lawndale Dr Tupelo, MS 38801
3	6 White Hill Baptist Church	1987 S Eason Blvd Tupelo, MS 38804
4	7 Wesley United Methodist Church	2010 W Main St Tupelo, MS 38801
4	8 CC Augustus Center	1400 N Green St Tupelo, MS 38804
5	9 Tupelo Aquatic Center	692 N Veterans Blvd Tupelo, MS 38804
6	10 Harrisburg Baptist Church Lodge	4675 Cliff Gookin Blvd Tupelo, MS 38801
7	11 Theron Nichols Storm Shelter	1701 Mitchell Rd Tupelo, MS 38801

The polls of said election will be opened at seven o’clock in the morning (7:00 a.m.) and will be kept open until seven o’clock in the evening (7:00 p.m.) of the aforesaid date and the said election will be held and conducted as far as practicable, in accordance with the manner prescribed for holding of elections for the issuance of bonds by political subdivisions and otherwise in accordance with the laws regulating general elections in the State of Mississippi and the City of Tupelo, Mississippi.

All qualified electors of said City will be entitled to vote in the said election.

SECTION 5: The special election will be held and conducted by the Election Commission within and for the City and shall be conducted as far as practicable, in accordance with the laws regulating municipal bond election as provided in Section 27-39-321(2) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and otherwise in accordance with the general election laws in the State of Mississippi and in the City. When the Election Commission shall have received the returns of the election and ascertained the result thereof, it shall, after having canvassed the same, forthwith make and return the results to the Governing Body of the City by filing a report setting out its action in the holding of the special election and the result thereof.

SECTION 6: The ballot to be used at said special election shall be in substantially the following form, to-wit:

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
SPECIAL ELECTION  
CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI  
Tuesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026**

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**IN FAVOR OF CONTINUING THE TEN (10) MILLS SPECIAL  
LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR  
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**AGAINST CONTINUING THE TEN (10) MILLS SPECIAL  
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**Place a mark in the square corresponding to your choice on the above proposition.**

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SECTION 7: The Chair of Election Commission, or his or her designee, shall be and is hereby designated and appointed to have the ballots prepared and printed for use in the holding of the special election. If the Chair or designee is unable to have the ballots prepared and printed, the Election Commission will appoint another Commissioner for this purpose.

SECTION 8: The City Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to forthwith prepare a true and correct copy of this resolution and to certify the same to the Election Commission for the City as and for their warrant and authority for the holding of the special election as herein provided and required by the laws of the State of Mississippi.

SECTION 9: If approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the city voting thereon, the limitation prescribed in section 27-39-321, shall be increased to continue and renew the levy of an additional ten (10) mills of ad valorem taxes upon all taxable property within the City of Tupelo for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026 and for each of the next four (4) succeeding fiscal years thereafter, the total receipts from which special levy to be used for the purpose of street improvements, including constructing, improving or paving streets, sidewalks, driveways, parkways, walkways or public parking facilities, and purchasing land therefor.

SECTION 10: The City Clerk shall be and is hereby directed to procure from the publisher of the aforesaid newspaper the customary proof of publication of the Notice of Election and to have the same presented to the Governing Body.

SECTION 11: In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction shall find that any portion of this resolution invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

The foregoing resolution was proposed in a motion by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmember Mims voted	_____
Councilmember Bryan voted	_____
Councilmember Beard voted	_____
Councilmember Davis voted	_____
Councilmember Nolan voted	_____
Councilmember Gaston voted	_____
Councilmember Jones voted	_____

Having received a majority vote, the President of the Council declared that the resolution had passed as set forth above.

RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUPELO,  
MISSISSIPPI on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
JANET GASTON, City Council President

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
SANDY SHUMAKER, Clerk of Council

APPROVED:

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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