

Mandatory Addendum to  
All City of Tupelo Contracts  
October 28, 2022

The City of Tupelo (TUPELO), despite any contrary provision contained in any contract to which TUPELO is a party, does not waive any rights, benefits, or prohibitions that may be provided under any law, statute(s), regulation(s), or policies. All provisions to the contrary in any contract to which TUPELO is a party are hereby null, void and deleted. Not intended to be an exhaustive list, the following are examples of such matters and shall be exceptions to any contrary provision(s) in any contract to which TUPELO is a party.

1. TUPELO does not indemnify or hold harmless any party.  
Miss. Const. Art. 4, § 100; Miss AG Op., Clark (June 7, 2002); Miss. AG Op., Chamberlin (Oct, 18, 2002).
2. TUPELO does not make any warranty.  
Miss. Const. Art. 4, § 100; Miss AG Op., Clark (June 7, 2002); Miss. AG Op., Chamberlin (Oct, 18, 2002).
3. TUPELO does not waive any claim; past, present, or future.  
Miss. Const. Art. 4, § 100; Miss AG Op; Clark (June 7, 2002); Miss. AG Op., Chamberlin (Oct, 18, 2002).
4. TUPELO does not waive its sovereign immunity. TUPELO shall only be responsible for liability resulting from the actions of its officers, agents, and employees acting within the course and scope of their official duties.  
Miss. Code Ann. § 11-46-1, et seq.
5. TUPELO does not waive its Constitutional Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) Amendment immunity.  
U.S. Const. Amend. XI.
6. TUPELO does not agree to the application of laws of another state.  
U.S. Const. amend XI; Miss. Code Ann. 11-11-3; Miss. Code Ann. 11-45-1; *City of Jackson v. Wallace*, 196 So. 223 (1940)
7. TUPELO does not limit the tort liability of another party to the amount of the contract or to any other set amount.  
Miss. Const. Art. 4, § 100; Miss AG Op., Clark (June 7, 2002); Miss. AG Op., Chamberlin (Oct, 18, 2002); Miss. AG Op., Hathorn (May 28, 1992); Miss. AG Op., Davis (March 3, 1993).
8. TUPELO does not agree to waive warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, or any common law warranties to which TUPELO is entitled.  
Miss. Const. Art 4, § 100; Miss Code Ann. § 75-2-719; Miss. AG Op., Clark (June 7, 2002); Miss. AG Op., Chamberlin (Oct, 18, 2002).


9. TUPELO does not agree that a party may represent, prosecute or defend legal actions in the name of TUPELO.
10. TUPELO may not and does not agree to the payment of attorney fees of a “prevailing party” unless specifically authorized by statute. E.g. Miss. Code Anno. § 31-7-309 (1972 as amended) payment of interest on outstanding invoice. Miss AG Op., Nowak, 2009 WL 367665 (Miss.A.G.).
11. Provisions that limit the time for TUPELO to pursue legal actions are deleted and void.  
Miss. Const. Art. 4, § 104; Miss. Const. Art. 4, § 100; Miss Code Ann. § 15-1-5; Miss AG Op; Clark (June 7, 2002); Miss. AG Op., Chamberlin (Oct, 18, 2002).
12. TUPELO does not agree to submit to binding arbitration.  
Miss. AG Op., Clark (June 7, 2002); Miss. AG Op., Chamberlin (Oct. 18, 2002).
13. TUPELO will make payments for all amounts owed under a contract agreement in accordance with state law.  
Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-305.
14. TUPELO advises for all contracts entered into, the provisions of the contract which will contain the commodities purchased or the personal or professional services provided, the price to be paid, and the term of the contract shall not be deemed to be a trade secret or confidential commercial or financial information, and shall be available for examination, copying or reproduction.  
Miss. Code § 25-61-9 (7).
15. TUPELO must comply with Mississippi public records law. Records furnished to public bodies by third parties which contain trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information shall not be subject to inspection, examination, copying or reproduction until notice to said third parties has been given, but such records shall be released within a reasonable period of time unless the said third parties shall have obtained a court order protecting such records as confidential.  
Miss. Code § 25-61-9 (1).
16. Data processing software obtained by TUPELO under a licensing agreement that prohibits its disclosure and which software is a trade secret as defined in Miss. Code Section 75-26-3, and data processing software produced by a public body which is sensitive must not be subject to inspection, copying or reproduction under Mississippi public records law. “Sensitive” means only those portions of data processing software, including the specifications and documentation, used to:  
(a) Collect, process, store, and retrieve information which is exempt; (b) Control

and direct access authorizations and security measures for automated systems; (c) Collect, process, store, and retrieve information disclosure of which would require a significant intrusion into the business of the public body.

17. TUPELO is prohibited from binding its successors in office to contracts, including leases, which result in taking away the successors' rights and powers conferred by law, unless there is specific statutory authority to enter into such contract. In the absence of specific statutory authority, such contracts are voidable by the successors in office.  
MS AG Ops., Barton (January 8, 2014) and Barton (July 15, 2011)(both relying on Biloxi Firefighters Assoc. v. City of Biloxi, 810 So.2d 589 (Miss. 2002).
18. TUPELO does not have the power to grant to any person, firm or corporation any exclusive franchise or any exclusive right to use or occupy the streets, highways, bridges, or public places in such municipality for any purpose. TUPELO cannot grant, renew, or extend any such franchise, privilege or right, without compensation or for any longer period than twenty-five years.  
Miss. Code Anno. 21-27-1
19. All contracts must be approved by the City Council of TUPELO, subject to the veto power of the Mayor of TUPELO.  
MS AG Ops. 2012-00013
20. All payments shall be made by TUPELO within forty-five (45) days of invoice, unless disputed. In the case of a bona fide dispute, TUPELO shall pay only the amount of the invoice not disputed. Interest shall be paid at a rate of one and one-half percent (1- ½ %) per month or portion thereof on the unpaid balance from the expiration of such forty-five-day period until such time as the warrant or check is mailed or otherwise delivered to the vendor.  
Miss. Code Anno. §31-7-305 (1972 as amended)

Acknowledged and agreed:

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CITY  
Date:

  
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CONTRACTING PARTY  
Date: 1/17/25