

**BEFORE THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI**

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

LIENOR

VS.

CASE NO. 45665

JACK JOHNSTONE

OWNER

**RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING COST AND ASSESSING LIEN AGAINST REAL PROPERTY UNDER
MISS. CODE ANN. 21-19-11 (1972) AS AMENDED**

1. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §21-19-11 (1972), as amended, the City of Tupelo gave notice of a public hearing before the governing authorities of the City of Tupelo to **Jack Johnstone** (Owner of the property described herein below) to determine whether the real property described herein below was in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community.

Property Owner: Jack Johnstone

Address of Owner: 1043 Blair Street, Tupelo, MS 38804

Parcel Number: 077M-36-091-00

Address of Violation: 1103 Blair Street

2. The hearing was held before the Mayor and City Council of the City of Tupelo on **6/18/2024** following which the property referenced above was found to be a menace to the public health and safety, and the property was ordered to be cleaned immediately. Subsequent to this date, and in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §21-19-11 (1972), as amended, the City of Tupelo proceeded to have the property mowed.

3. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §21-19-11 (1972, as amended), City of Tupelo shall charge Owner with the actual cost of demolition, including administrative and legal costs of the municipality, and may also impose a penalty of one-half of the actual cost or \$1500.00, whichever is more.

4. The City of Tupelo, by and through its council, at a regularly scheduled meeting held on **5/20/2025**, adjudicated the actual cost of lot mowing/cleanup to be **\$4500.00**. This amount is assessed as a lien on the real property described above.

5. This assessment will be enrolled as a judgment lien on the Lee County, Mississippi judgment roll in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Lee County, Mississippi by providing a certified copy of this resolution to the Circuit Clerk. If unpaid, the lien shall be turned over to the tax collector of the municipality on the 30th day of September, 2025, who shall proceed place on the tax roll and to sell the land to satisfy the lien as now provided by law for the sale of lands for delinquent municipal taxes. The lien against the property shall be an encumbrance upon the property and shall follow title of the property.

6. Prior to its collection as a judgment lien, this assessment may be collected as a civil debt, and the City of Tupelo may institute a suit on open account against the owner of the property in a court of competent jurisdiction in the manner provided by law for the cost and any penalty, plus court costs, reasonable attorney's fees and interest from the date that the property was cleaned. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 27-41-9 (1972, as amended), an interest charge of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) will accrue monthly on all unpaid liens.

7. The Director of Development Services is hereby directed to cause a copy of this Resolution to be mailed to the owner advising of the assessment of a lien against the property, and the Owner's right to appeal under Miss. Code Ann §11-51-75 (1972, as amended).

WHEREUPON, the foregoing Resolution was declared passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of Tupelo, Mississippi, on this, the 20th day of May, 2025.

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

BY: _____
NETTIE DAVIS, Council President

ATTEST:

MISSY SHELTON, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

TODD JORDAN., Mayor

Date