

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

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

LIENOR

VS.

CASE NO. LM 25-43

MERRITT, SUNYA

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 SUNYA MERRITT, (Owner of the property described herein below) to determine whether the real property described herein below was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community.

Property Owner: SUNYA MERRITT

Address of Owner: PO BOX 1684
 VERONA, MS 38878

Parcel Number: 112A0402700

Address of Violation: 412 SOUTH CANAL STREET

2. The hearing was held before the Mayor and City Council of the City of Tupelo on 08/05/2025 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 structure(s) demolished.

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 08/19/2025, adjudicated the actual cost of lot mowing and cleaning to be **\$300.00**. This amount is assessed as a lien on the real property described above.

5. This Resolution 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. If unpaid prior to the 30th day of September of the current year, this lien shall be satisfied by having the amount of this lien included with municipal ad valorem taxes and payment shall be enforced in the same manner in which payment is enforced for municipal ad valorem taxes. Failure to pay this assessment shall require the tax collector to sell the land as now provided by law for the sale of lands for delinquent municipal taxes. Liens filed after September 30th of the current year, and unpaid by September 30th of the subsequent year shall be collected as a part of the subsequent year's municipal ad valorem taxes, in the same manner as provided herein. 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 otherwise 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 19TH day of August, 2025

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

BY: _____
JANET GASTON, Council President

ATTEST:

SANDRA SHUMAKER, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

TODD JORDAN., Mayor

Date