

ORDER

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TAX-FORFEITED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 424 TOLBERT STREET BY THE CITY OF TUPELO

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City of Tupelo are empowered to act with respect to the care, management and control of municipal affairs and its properties for which no provision has been made by general law and which is not inconsistent with existing law pursuant to Section 21-17-1, et seq. of the Mississippi Code Annotated (1972), as amended, including the authority to purchase and hold real estate, and to sell, convey or lease real property on such terms as it may elect that are consistent with statutory authority; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tupelo has identified property located at 424 Tolbert Street, Parcel #089F-30-091-00, PPIN #21186, (hereinafter "Subject Property") within its jurisdiction that has been forfeited to the State of Mississippi due to non-payment of ad valorem taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Subject Properties are currently held by the Public Lands Division of the Mississippi Secretary of State's Office, as provided under Mississippi Code Annotated § 29-1-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Subject Properties are available for purchase from the Secretary of State's Office; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi Code Annotated § 29-1-21 authorizes municipalities to purchase tax-forfeited properties from the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of the Subject Property by the City of Tupelo is in the public interest, as it will facilitate the return of these properties to productive use and contribute to the economic development and revitalization of the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, let it be ordered by the City Council of the City of Tupelo as follows:

1. The prefatory findings of this Order are hereby accepted, incorporated herein and found to be in accordance with the necessary and warranted exercise of the authority of the City of Tupelo to purchase necessary interests in real property for the purpose of blight removal and redevelopment.
2. The City of Tupelo is hereby authorized to purchase the Subject Properties from the State of Mississippi, contingent upon final approval of the Governor of the state of Mississippi.
3. The City Council authorizes the purchase of the Subject Properties for not more than the amount specified in the written offer received from the Secretary of State's Office (*see* Exhibit "A").
4. The Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Tupelo are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary actions to complete the purchase of the Subject Property, including the execution of any documents required by the Mississippi Secretary of State's Office and the issuance of payments therefor.

5. This Order shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

After a full discussion of this matter, Council Member Lynn Bryan moved that the foregoing Order be adopted and said motion was seconded by Council Member Travis Beard and upon the question being put to a vote, the results were as follows:

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

The motion having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, the President declared the motion carried and the order adopted.

WHEREUPON, the foregoing Order was declared, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council on this the 2nd day of February, 2025.

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

By: _____
NETTIE DAVIS, City Council Vice President

ATTEST:

MISSY SHELTON, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

TODD JORDAN, Mayor

DATE

ATTEST:

KIM HANNA, City Clerk/CFO