

**RESOLUTION TO PROHIBIT CELLULAR PHONES DURING THE MEETINGS OF THE  
STARKVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of Starkville, Mississippi (the "Board"), acting for and on behalf of the City of Starkville, Mississippi (the "City"), does hereby find, determine and adjudicate as follows:

1. The use of cellular phones has become increasingly distracting and disruptive during the meetings of the Board;
2. On multiple occasions, cellular phones have rung out, creating disturbances during the meetings of the Board;
3. The Board wishes to create an atmosphere during its meetings that is most conducive to addressing the significant governmental interest of tending to the City's business, absent from the distractions and disruptions created by cellular phones;
4. A ban on cellular phones is already in place in public places such as the Oktibbeha County Circuit Court and Starkville Municipal Court;
5. The Board wishes to enact a similarly reasonable time, place, and manner restriction on cellular phones, while allowing ample alternative channels for communication with such devices outside the Boardroom.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board prohibits cellular phones from its meetings effective December 3, 2013, as follows:

1. All cellular phones are prohibited from being brought into the meetings of the Board.
2. All individuals attending a meeting of the Board shall pass through the metal detector located outside the Boardroom.
3. A member of the Starkville Police Department shall be positioned at the metal detector both before and during the Board meetings to ensure compliance.
4. Any individual in violation of this Resolution may be asked to leave the Board meeting.
5. The following are exempt from this Resolution based on the specific scenarios listed below:
  - a. Members of the press, mainstream media, and Mississippi State journalism students may bring cellular phones into the Boardroom in the performance of their job and/or school duties.

b. Starkville's Chief of Police, Chief of the Fire Department, or their designees, may retain cellular phones in the Board meetings for the sole purpose of being informed of emergencies, or other urgent and necessitous matters, involving their departments.

After discussion, Alderman \_\_\_\_\_ moved that the foregoing Resolution be adopted and said Motion was seconded by Alderman \_\_\_\_\_. The Mayor then put the question to a vote, and the result was as follows:

Alderman Ben Carver	Voted: _____
Alderman Lisa Wynn	Voted: _____
Alderman David Little	Voted: _____
Alderman Jason Walker	Voted: _____
Alderman Scott Maynard	Voted: _____
Alderman Roy A. Perkins	Voted: _____
Alderman Henry N. Vaughn	Voted: _____

Whereupon, the Resolution having received the affirmative vote of the majority of the Board of Aldermen present, the Mayor declared that the Motion had carried and that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted in a meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Starkville, Mississippi on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013.

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Parker Wiseman, Mayor  
Starkville, Mississippi

ATTEST

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Taylor Adams, City Clerk  
Starkville, Mississippi