



**CITY OF STARKVILLE
RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION**

AGENDA ITEM NO:
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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND CONVENTION TAX IMPOSED BY THE CITY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI ON THE GROSS REVENUE OF RESTAURANTS DERIVED FROM THE SALE OF PREPARED FOOD, ALCOHOLIC AND NONALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

FISCAL NOTE: N/A

**REQUESTING
DEPARTMENT:**

**DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION:**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

AUTHORIZATION HISTORY:

SUGGESTED MOTION: APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND CONVENTION TAX IMPOSED BY THE CITY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI ON THE GROSS REVENUE OF RESTAURANTS DERIVED FROM THE SALE OF PREPARED FOOD, ALCOHOLIC AND NONALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

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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” or “Starkville”), does hereby find, determine and adjudicate as follows:

1. By Chapter 950, Local and Private Laws of 1994, the Mississippi Legislature provided authority for Starkville to impose a two percent (2%) economic development, tourism, and convention tax on the gross revenue of restaurants within the City limits derived from the sale of prepared food and alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages. The two percent (2%) tax was voted on, and approved, in a referendum of the qualified electors of the City.

2. During the Regular Legislative Session of 2004, House Bill 1833 was enacted, which amended the entities receiving distribution of the proceeds of the two percent (2%) tax, amended the percentage of distribution of those proceeds, and extended the two percent (2%) tax through June 30, 2015.

3. Since its enactment, the two percent (2%) tax has been instrumental in promoting economic development and tourism in Starkville.

5. Because the two percent (2%) tax has greatly benefitted the City, it wishes to extend it for an additional term, at the same distribution level, and for the same general purposes as established in House Bill 1833.

6. Because Starkville seeks to extend the current legislation for an additional term, and does not seek to: (1) adjust the amount of the tax, (2) adjust the recipients of the proceeds of the tax, or (3) adjust the percentage of distribution of the proceeds that each recipient receives, Starkville requests to be relieved of having to hold a referendum on the issue.

7. Starkville reserves the right to administer the allocated percentage of 2% funds to the City’s parks through either a Park Commission or through the City itself.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board seeks the extension of the two percent (2%) economic development, tourism, and convention tax for an additional term.

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
Alderman Lisa Wynn

Voted: _____
Voted: _____

Alderman David Little
Alderman Jason Walker
Alderman Scott Maynard
Alderman Roy A'. Perkins
Alderman Henry N. Vaughn

Voted: _____
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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 ____ day of _____, 2015.

Parker Wiseman, Mayor
Starkville, Mississippi

ATTEST

Lesa Hardin, City Clerk
Starkville, Mississippi