

RES 2026-DRAFT

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR THE CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI, FURTHER EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE SUBMISSION AND ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR SHORT-TERM RENTAL PERMITS IN RESIDENTIALLY ZONED AREAS

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2025, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs adopted Resolution No. 2025-002, establishing a temporary moratorium on the submission and acceptance of applications for short-term rental permits in residentially zoned areas; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2026, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen adopted Resolution No. 2026-001, extending the moratorium through August 18, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City continues to evaluate the impacts of short-term rental density in residential neighborhoods and to consider amendments to its short-term rental regulations; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2026, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen adopted Resolution No. 2026-026, extending the moratorium through September 18, 2026, to allow additional time for consideration of proposed regulatory amendments; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi Code Section 21-17-5 grants municipalities the authority to manage and control municipal affairs, including land-use and zoning matters; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Mississippi Attorney General has previously opined that municipalities may adopt resolutions establishing temporary moratoria related to zoning and land-use regulation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen find that further extending the existing moratorium is necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Ocean Springs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby adopted as findings of fact by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

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SECTION 2. The temporary moratorium on the submission and acceptance of applications for short-term rental permits in residentially zoned areas, as established by Resolution No. 2025-002 and extended by Resolution Nos. 2026-001 and 2026-026, is hereby further extended through December 31, 2026.

SECTION 3. The further extension shall be effective beginning September 19, 2026, and shall remain in effect through December 31, 2026, unless terminated earlier or further extended by action of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

SECTION 4. The moratorium shall continue not to apply to applications for short-term rental permits submitted prior to August 5, 2025, which were previously placed in pending (waitlist) status.

SECTION 5. All other provisions of Resolution No. 2025-002 and Resolution Nos. 2026-001 and 2026-026 not expressly modified herein shall remain in full force and effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, that the temporary moratorium on the submission and acceptance of applications for short-term rental permits in residentially zoned areas is hereby extended through December 31, 2026, unless terminated earlier or further extended by action of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other provisions of Resolution No. 2025-002 and Resolution Nos. 2026-001 and 2026-026 not expressly modified herein shall remain in full force and effect.

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN of the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, on this the 15th day of September 2026.

MAYOR COX

ATTEST: _____
CITY CLERK C. MILLARD