

RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD DECLINING THE USE OF THE PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS) IN MISSISSIPPI

Whereas, Diamondhead is a newly incorporated municipality, and

Whereas, the City of Diamondhead has a desire to provide its future employees with a fair salary and a fair and reasonable and sound retirement plan, and

Whereas, for many decades, many of the municipalities in the State of Mississippi have chosen to participate in the Mississippi Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), for their employees retirement benefit plan, and

Whereas, Former Gov. Haley Barbour in August 2011, commissioned a study of the future viability of PERS and whose findings found the plan underfunded by more than \$12 billion, a figure that has continued to increase over the past decade despite increases in taxpayer and employee contributions, and

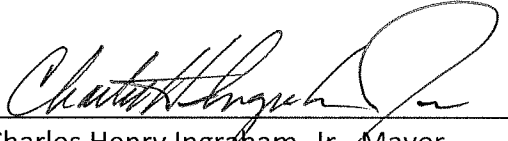
Whereas, the commission made several recommendations, one of which was continued increases in employer and employee increases to support the PERS plan, and

Whereas, continued increases in PERS will result in a greater contribution to the PERS plan and will have major financial impact on the city and employees, and PERS next increase will occur in July 2012, and

Whereas, the City of Diamondhead must make a decision as to whether or not the City of Diamondhead's employees will participate in PERS, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, that all elected officials and other employees will not participate in the PERS system based on the findings of the Barbour Commission study and its' recommendations of the Mississippi Public Employees Retirement System, but will have the ability to participate in another form of retirement program which will be determined at a later date.

SO RESOLVED, THIS THE 7th DAY OF May, 2012.



Charles Henry Ingraham, Jr., Mayor

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Mayor Ingraham	<u>✓</u>	_____
Councilmember Ackerman	<u>✓</u>	_____
Councilmember Holcomb	<u>✓</u>	_____
Councilmember Knobloch	<u>✓</u>	_____
Councilmember Rech	<u>✓</u>	_____
Councilmember Roberson	<u>✓</u>	_____

ATTEST: *Sue W. Jostan*
 CITY CLERK

SEAL

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF
 DIAMONDHEAD, MISSISSIPPI, ON THE 7th DAY OF May, 2012.

Sue W. Jostan
 CITY CLERK