

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD, MISSISSIPPI, URGING THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE TO ALLOW MUNICIPALITIES TO SUBMIT DEBTS OWED BY PERSONS OF THIS STATE TO MUNICIPALITIES AND TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AS A RESULT OF DELIQUENT TRAFFIC FINES AND FEES TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR COLLECTION THROUGH A SETOFF AGAINST STATE INCOME TAX REFUNDS OWED TO THE DEBTOR

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi (the "City"), is owed \$326,828 as of September 30, 2017 in unpaid and outstanding traffic fines and fees by persons of this State that cannot be written off by the City and if collected could assist to enhance City services for its citizens;

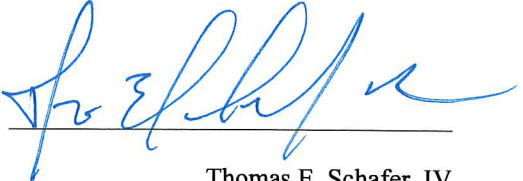
WHEREAS, if the Mississippi Legislature allows municipalities to submit debts owed to them to the Mississippi Department of Revenue to setoff against income tax refunds owed to the debtor, then the State shall be entitled to approximately twenty-eight percent (28%) of any recouped outstanding fines and fees owed to the municipality;

WHEREAS, by allowing said debt setoff the State would receive approximately \$125,623 which amount is twenty-eight percent (28%) of the City's unpaid and outstanding traffic fines and fees as of September 30, 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor Schafer and City Council of the City of Diamondhead that it strongly urges the Mississippi Legislature to support and pass legislation to allow municipalities to submit debts owed to them and the State to the Mississippi Department of Revenue for collection through a setoff against income tax refunds owed to the debtor.

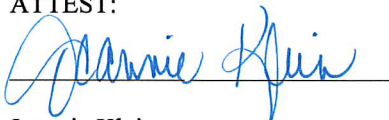
Following the reading of the foregoing resolution, Councilmember Depero moved and Councilmember LeCuyer seconded the motion for its adoption. The Mayor put the question to a vote, and the members voted unanimously to adopt the Resolution.

The motion having received the unanimous affirmative vote of the City Council of the of the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, Mayor Schafer declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted, on this the 21st day of November, 2017.

APPROVED: 

Thomas E. Schafer, IV
Mayor

ATTEST:



Jeannie Klein
City Clerk

