

ORDINANCE NO. 2014- 19

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A FIRE DISTRICT ENCOMPASSING AN AREA ADJOINING THE CITY OF OXFORD ON A PART OF WHICH IS LOCATED LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford, Mississippi has been approached and petitioned by the Board of the Lafayette County School District (“Board”) to create by ordinance a fire district benefitting Lafayette County School District; and,

WHEREAS, the Board represents a majority of the property owners within the proposed area; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford has an excellent fire rating from the Mississippi State Ratings Bureau and corresponding favorable fire insurance terms; and,

WHEREAS, the Lafayette County School District has a low rating from the Mississippi State Ratings Bureau and wishes to improve said fire rating for insurance reasons; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford has fire facilities close to Lafayette County School District; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford currently, and for many years, responds to fire alerts from Lafayette County School District;

WHEREAS, creation of the proposed fire district will result in a considerable reduction of the Board’s insurance obligations; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford will provide and maintain fire service to the fire district; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford can provide this service without any additional cost to the citizens, residents, or taxpayers of the City of Oxford; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford shall not be responsible for making or paying for any improvements within the proposed area; and

WHEREAS, it appears this arrangement will be beneficial to both the City of Oxford and the Lafayette County School District in terms of economics and stability; and,

WHEREAS, this procedure is authorized by the laws of the State of Mississippi.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 21-25-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, as amended, there is hereby created by ordinance a fire district encompassing an area adjoining the corporate limits of the City of Oxford, Mississippi, on a part of which is located the Lafayette County School District, and is more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Sixty-four (64) acres, more or less, owned by Lafayette County School District, located on and around Highway 334, and also noted as these Lafayette County tax parcel numbers:

- 138G-27-31
- 138H-27-106
- 138H-27-107
- 138Z-34-62

Section 2. The City of Oxford will own no property within the Fire District and will only provide fire service within the proposed area.

Section 3. Repeal. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage as required by law.

The above ordinance having been first reduced to writing and read and considered, section by section, at a public meeting of the governing authorities of the City of Oxford, Mississippi, on motion of Alderman Bailey, seconded by Alderman Howell and the roll being called, the same was adopted by the following vote:

Jay Hughes	Voted: AYE
Robyn Tannehill	Voted: AYE
Janice Antonow	Voted: AYE
Ulysses "Coach" Howell	Voted: AYE
Preston E. Taylor	Voted: AYE
Jason Bailey	Voted: AYE
John Morgan	Voted: AYE

APPROVED this the 15th day of April, 2014.

GEORGE G. PATTERSON, MAYOR

LISA D. CARWYLE, CITY CLERK