

There came on for consideration at a duly constituted meeting of the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, held on the 8th day of February, 2022, the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 3107

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1-96 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI TO INCLUDE THE CITY'S UTILITY BILLING DIVISION/OFFICE WITHIN THE CITY'S DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING

WHEREAS, from time to time the Gulfport City Council has enacted various ordinances establishing municipal departments and the responsibilities assigned to those departments and which ordinances have been codified at Chapter 1, Article III, Division 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Section 1-96 of the Code of Ordinances establishes a "Department of Finance and Accounting" and sets out, in part, that this Department is vested with various authorities and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, since the City's Governing Authority amended Section 1-96 of the City's Code of Ordinances to update the duties assigned to and handled by this reconstituted Department, it is necessary to further amend Section 1-96 to specifically denote that this Department will be responsible for the oversight and handling of the City's utility billing division/office, which previously was overseen in part by and included within the City's Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, there is therefore a need to amend Section 1-96 in Chapter I, Article III, Division 2 of the City's Code of Ordinances as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the matters and things set forth in the above preamble are hereby accepted as stated as the findings of the Gulfport City Council.

SECTION 2. That Chapter I, Article III, Division 2, Section 1-96 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, which presently reads as follows:

Sec. 1-96. - Department of finance and accounting established; responsibilities.

(a) The department of finance and accounting is hereby established and shall be headed by a director who shall be appointed and shall serve pursuant to the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. 1972, Section 21-8-23.

(b) The department of finance and accounting shall be vested with the authority and shall have the responsibility for administration, supervision, management, operation and direction of the following areas of municipal government: Accounting comptroller, receipt and accounting of city revenue and bonds, data processing, insurance, payroll, purchasing, tax collecting, receipt and accounting of customer utility billing revenue, grants administration, financial planning, the creation, maintenance, and preservation of the city's financial information and records, assistance in preparation, compilation, maintenance, and oversight of the city budget, creation and maintenance of all financial records in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and in compliance with state and federal laws, establishment and oversight of internal auditing controls within the city, and preparation of required financial reports. The director of the department of finance and accounting is hereby authorized to establish and maintain internal auditing controls and policies and procedures associated therewith that are consistent with Mississippi law.

(c) The city's purchasing manager is hereby authorized to establish and maintain procurement policies and procedures consistent with Mississippi law for all city procurement, including any departmental supply purchases, and any construction or service contracts.

(d) The procurement policies and procedures established by the purchasing department shall be followed by all city departments with all city purchasing completed centrally under the direct authority of the purchasing manager.

should be, and hereby is, amended to read as follows, with changes noted in bold and underlined
and deletions noted in bold, underlined, and stricken through:

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(a) The department of finance and accounting is hereby established and shall be headed by a director who shall be appointed and shall serve pursuant to the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. 1972, Section 21-8-23.

(b) The department of finance and accounting shall be vested with the authority and shall have the responsibility for administration, supervision, management, operation and direction of the following areas of municipal government: Accounting comptroller, receipt and accounting of city revenue and bonds, data processing, insurance, payroll, purchasing, tax collecting, ~~receipt and accounting of customer~~-utility billing ~~revenue~~, grants administration, financial planning, the creation, maintenance, and preservation of the city's financial information and records, assistance in preparation, compilation, maintenance, and oversight of the city budget, creation and maintenance of all financial records in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and in compliance with state and federal laws, establishment and oversight of internal auditing controls within the city, and preparation of required financial reports. The director of the department of finance and accounting is hereby authorized to establish and maintain internal auditing controls and policies and procedures associated therewith that are consistent with Mississippi law.

(c) The city's purchasing manager is hereby authorized to establish and maintain procurement policies and procedures consistent with Mississippi law for all city procurement, including any departmental supply purchases, and any construction or service contracts.

(d) The procurement policies and procedures established by the purchasing department shall be followed by all city departments with all city purchasing completed centrally under the direct authority of the purchasing manager.

SECTION 3. All provisions of Chapter 1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi not in conflict herewith shall remain in full force and effect as heretofore provided.

SECTION 4. To provide for the immediate and temporary preservation of the public peace, health and safety, this Ordinance shall be in full force and become effective immediately upon its passage by unanimous vote and enactment according to law and shall be spread on the minutes of the Gulfport City Council. The Ordinance shall be published according to law and for failure to pass unanimously, shall take effect thirty (30) days after the date of passage.

The above and foregoing Ordinance, after having been first reduced to writing and read by the Clerk, was introduced by Councilmember Holmes-Hines, seconded by Councilmember Casey, and was adopted by the following roll call vote:

<u>YEAS:</u>	<u>NAYS:</u>	<u>ABSENT:</u>
Casey	None	None
Roland		
Holmes-Hines		
Walker		
Sharp		
Flowers		
Kosloski		

WHEREUPON the President declared the motion carried and the Ordinance adopted, this the 8th day of February, 2022.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:
/s/ Brittany Rodgers

Brittany Rodgers, Clerk of Council

ADOPTED:
/s/ Rusty Walker

F.B. “Rusty” Walker, IV, President

The above and foregoing Ordinance having been submitted to and approved by the Mayor, this the 9th day of February, 2022.

APPROVED:
/s/ Billy Hewes

Billy Hewes, Mayor