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DATE: April 5, 2023

RE: Solid Waste Collection Action Plan

In an effort to avoid the sanctions provided for in Miss. Code Ann. § 17-17-29(1), the City of Jackson is proposing a temporary plan to avoid violating any of the provisions of Sections 17-17-1 through 17-17-47.

The City of Jackson Department of Public Works is preparing a short-term operation to allow residents to transport their household garbage to a central collection site on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. The sites will operate as follows:

Thursdays and Fridays at the former Dillard's Parking Lot located at Metrocenter Mall, collecting solid waste from 8 AM to 2 PM daily.

Public Works will set four (4) 40 yard dumpsters Thursdays and Fridays from 8AM to 2PM. The Dillard's site will be staffed to make sure that unauthorized rubbish, limbs, construction debris, etc., is not left there. As dumpsters fill, they will be transported to the Waste Management transfer station on Country Club Drive and returned empty to the Dillard's location. This transport and return process will continue until the collection site closes at 2 PM. All dumpsters will be removed from the site at the close of operation each day to ensure that trash is not dumped overnight and left out in the open in an unsanitary manner.

Saturdays at the City of Jackson Landfill located in Byram from 8 AM to 3 PM collecting solid waste.

Public Works will set (7) seven to (9) nine 40 yard dumpsters on Saturdays near the scale house. The landfill is staffed to ensure that household trash is placed in dumpsters and not taken to the landfill cells where it is not permitted for disposal. As each dumpster fills, they will be transported to the Waste Management transfer station on Country Club Drive and returned to the collection site. This transport and return process will continue until the collection site closes at 3 PM. All dumpsters will be removed from the landfill at the close of operation on Saturdays.

Each week, this household solid waste operation plan will be dependent on action taken or not taken on approving a solid waste collection contract. If there is no contract in place prior to each Thursday, we will communicate to the public and continue this solid waste collection plan.