



September 13, 2024

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
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Honorable Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Mayor
City of Jackson
219 South President Street
Jackson MS 39201

Re: Smith Wills parcel, Lakeland Drive

Dear Mayor Lumumba:

The office of the Attorney General has been directed by House Bill 1983, 2024 Regular Session, to take appropriate action to enforce the reverter language in the 1944 deed, recorded in Book 385, Page 166, that conveyed title from the State of Mississippi to the City of Jackson of the above-named parcel, subject to provision that the area conveyed be used for park purposes. The terms of the deed have been breached.

To accomplish the City's abandonment of the subject parcel of land, and return of the same to the State, a quit claim deed from the City to the State has been enclosed with this correspondence. Please ask the City Council to approve your execution and delivery of this deed as soon as possible. Should the City fail or refuse to convey its rights to the property by September 30, 2024, then appropriate legal action will commence.

If there is a need to discuss this matter, please contact Special Assistant Attorney General Dan Smith at daniel.smith@ago.ms.gov or 601-359-7600.

Sincerely,

Lynn Fitch
Attorney General
State of Mississippi

Enclosures

Cc: Virgi Lindsay, President
Aaron Banks
Ashby Foote
Brian Grizzell
Vernon Hartley
Kenneth Stokes

GRANTOR:

City of Jackson
219 South President
Jackson, Mississippi 39201
Phone: 601-960-1084

GRANTEE:

State of Mississippi
c/o Secretary of State
401 Mississippi Street
Jackson, Mississippi 39201-1004

Indexing Instructions: South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 , Section 25, T6N, R1E

QUITCLAIM DEED

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HINDS

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Mayor, for and on behalf of the CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, in accordance with an Order in Minute Book _____ Page _____, of the City Council, does hereby convey and quit claim unto the STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, the following described land, to wit:

The South One-Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 6 North, Range 1 East (S 1/2 NW 1/4, Sec. 25, T6N, R1E), First Judicial District, Hinds County, Mississippi.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this the _____ day of _____, A.D. 2024.

CITY OF JACKSON

By: _____
Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Mayor

For acceptance by the

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

By: _____
Michael Watson, Secretary of State

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HINDS

THIS DAY PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, the above named **Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Mayor**, for and on behalf of the City of Jackson, who being authorized so to do by the City Council, in an Order in Minute Book _____ Page _____ of said Council, acknowledged that he signed and delivered the foregoing instrument as and for the act and deed of said Council on the day and year therein mentioned.

GIVE UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL this _____ day of _____, 2024.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: _____

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HINDS

THIS DAY PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, the above-named **Michael Watson, Secretary of State** for and on behalf of the State of Mississippi, who acknowledged that he signed and accepted the foregoing instrument on the day and year therein mentioned.

GIVE UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL this _____ day of _____, 2024.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: _____