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November 10, 2020

Honorable Michael Watson
Secretary of State
401 Mississippi Street
Jackson, MS 39201

Dear Secretary Watson:

Pursuant to Miss. Code Section 23-15-857, please be advised that the Municipal Election Commission has determined, and it has been acknowledged and approved by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen at the regular meeting held on Tuesday, November 10th, 2020, that there was not more than one (1) person duly qualified to be a candidate for the office of Alderman Ward Two (2) for the Special Election which was to be held Tuesday, November 17, 2020. Accordingly, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have dispensed with the special election for this office and appointed Thomas Gaston Horne, III as elected without opposition. A copy of the signed order is enclosed.

Please call if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Lockett, CMC, MMC
Town Clerk



There came on for consideration at a duly constituted meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Inverness, held on Tuesday, November 10th, 2020, the following order was passed:

AN ORDER BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF INVERNESS, PURSUANT TO MISS. CODE ANN. SEC. 23-15-857, AS AMENDED, TO APPOINT THOMAS GASTON HORNE, III TO FILL THE VACANT POSITION FOR ALDERMAN WARD TWO (2) AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES:

WHEREAS, on November 10th, 2020, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen adopted Resolution authorizing a Special Election to fill the vacancy for Alderman Ward Two (2), with the Special Election set for November 17th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the qualifying deadline was Monday, October 19, 2020, only Thomas Gaston Horne, III submitted a Qualifying Statement of Intent and Petition with the required signatures; and

WHEREAS, on October 20th, 2020, after reviewing the documents, the Municipal Election Commissioners accepted Thomas Gaston Horne, III, Qualifying Statement of Intent and Petition and declared him as the one (1) person duly qualified to be a candidate for the Special Election; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. Sec. 23-15-857, which provides in part, as follows:

if nineteen (19) days before the date of election only one (1) person shall have qualified as a candidate, the governing authority, shall dispense with the election and appoint that one (1) candidate in lieu of an elections

the Governing Authority desires to appoint Thomas Gaston Horne, III as Alderman of Ward Two (2)

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF INVERNESS, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the matters, facts, and things recited in the Preamble to this Order be, and they are hereby adopted as the official findings of the Governing Authority.

Section 2. That the Board of Aldermen hereby acknowledges and accept the findings of the Municipal Election Commissioners that only one candidate, Thomas Gaston Horne, III qualified for the Special Election of Alderman Ward Two (2) and therefore the Special Election is not necessary.

Section 3. That Thomas Gaston Horne, III should be and hereby is appointed as Alderman Ward Two (2) and that the City Clerk shall be and hereby authorized to certify the appointment to the Secretary of State.

Section 4. This order shall take full force and effect immediately upon its passage and enactment according to the law and shall be spread upon the minutes of the Town.

The above and foregoing Order, after having been first reduced to writing and no request being made by the Mayor or any member of the Board of Aldermen that the order be read by the City Clerk before any vote was taken, was introduced by Alderman Steed, seconded by Alderman Lang and was adopted by the following vote:


Alderman Lang "Yea"

Alderman Sibley "Yea"

Alderman Steed "Yea"

Alderman Stuckey "Yea"

WHEREUPON, the following Order was declared passed and adopted at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Inverness, Mississippi on this the 10th day of November, 2020.

ATTEST 
Patricia S. Lockett, Town Clerk

APPROVED


David Smith, Mayor

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October 20, 2020

We, the undersigned Municipal Election Commissioners, hereby certify that only one person Thomas Gaston Horne, III qualified to be a candidate for the Special Election to fill the vacancy for Alderman Ward Two (2), previously scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2020. In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. Sec. 23-15-857, all members present at the Special Called Meeting of the Municipal Election Commissioners on October 20, 2020, voted in favor of dispensing with the election.

Municipal Election Commissioners of Municipality of Inverness, Mississippi

Mae Ora Mitchell, Election Commission Mae Ora Mitchell
Sharon Wade, Election Commission Sharon L Wade
Brenda Yant, Election Commission Brenda Yant

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OATH OF OFFICE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF SUNFLOWER

I, Thomas Gaston Horne, III do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Mississippi, and obey the laws thereof; that I am not disqualified for holding the office of Alderman of Ward Two (2) that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter. So Help Me God

Sign:

[Signature]

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 10th day of Nov., 2020.

Notary:

[Signature: Patricia S. Lockett]



I, [Signature: Patricia S. Lockett], CMC, MMC, Tax Collectors, Deputy Court Clerk for the Town of Inverness, Mississippi, certify that the above and foregoing oath is filed in my office this the 10th day of Nov., 2020.