

ORDINANCE NUMBER _____

**AN ORDINANCE REGARDING MONTHLY APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE BY THE CITY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the stewardship and oversight of public funds is an essential function of the City of Margaret City Council;

WHEREAS, the City of Margaret City Council is responsible for the management and control of the municipal finances and all of the real and personal property belonging to the City of Margaret under Ala. Code § 11-43-56;

WHEREAS, the City of Margaret City Council is responsible for the appropriation of the sums necessary for the expenditures of the departments within the City of Margaret, as well as interest on its bonded and other indebtedness, not exceeding in the aggregate within 10 percent of its estimated receipts, under Ala. Code § 11-43-57;

WHEREAS, the City of Margaret City Council has passed a budget and intends to pass a budget for the expected expenditures of the City of Margaret going forward; and

WHEREAS, the City of Margaret City Council desires to exercise its oversight role over the public funds appropriated in said budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARGARET, ALABAMA, that the Council establishes this regulation to exercise its oversight role over appropriated funds, unappropriated funds and protect and improve the public welfare:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter, the following words and terms shall have the meanings respectively ascribed:

(a) **Budget** means the annual appropriation of public funds for specific purposes;

(b) **Employee Payroll Expenses** means all expenses related to paying employees of the City of Margaret, including any insurance provided by the City of Margaret to its employees;

SECTION 2. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

(a) At the first City Council meeting of the month, the Mayor shall present the City of Margaret's accounts payable to the City Council for approval.

(1) Said presentation shall not be required for employee payroll expenses of the City of Margaret.

(b) The City Council shall consider the accounts payable for all claims of monies presented to the City of Margaret and, absent good cause, shall approve said accounts payable when said funds have already been appropriated or otherwise approved by the City Council.

SECTION 3. PAYMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

(a) The City of Margaret shall pay all legal obligations promptly upon receipt and approval by the City Council.

(b) The City of Margaret shall maintain documentation of all City payments in an easily retrievable manner to facilitate resolution of accounts payable issues, as well as the completion of the City's annual audit.

SECTION 3. MISCELLANEOUS

(a) Nothing in this Ordinance excuses noncompliance with any Federal or State law, other City of Margaret, Alabama Ordinances, or any rule or regulation regarding the expenditure of municipal funds.

(b) If any portion of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional, invalid, or unenforceable, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance nor render the remaining portions of this Ordinance invalid, and, to that end, the provisions hereof are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective on the 1st day of March, 2026.

Matthew Tortorice, MAYOR

Attest:

Tabatha Hanner, CITY CLERK