

CHAPTER 8

ELECTIONS*

Art. I. In General, §§ 8-1 --- 8-15

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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Section 8-1. Reserved.

Editor's note --- Former § 8-1, pertaining to the posts of City Councilors, as well as their qualifications and election, derived from Code 1969, § 2-16, was deleted as being superseded by the provisions of Ordinance No. 1037-1985, adopted Feb. 26, 1985.

Section 8-2. Managers---Appointment.

Managers shall be appointed by the Election Commissioners as provided in Mississippi Code 1972, §23-15-231. The Election Commissioners may, in their discretion, appoint three (3) additional persons to serve as Clerks, subject and pursuant to §23-15-235 Miss. Code Ann. 1972.

Source: Code 1969, § 11-23; Ordinance No. 1384-2001, §8-2, 2-20-01

State Law Reference --- Election Commissioners, Miss. Code 1972, §21-11-13

Section 8-3. Duties, Oaths and Responsibilities.

The duties, oaths and responsibilities for Election Commissioners, Managers and Clerks shall be consistent with and conform with §§ 23-15-231 *et al.*

Source: Ordinance No. 1384-2001, §8-3, 2-20-01

Sections 8-4 --- 8-15. Reserved.

* **Cross References** --- Administration, Ch. 2; Mayor-Council form of government, §2-11 *et seq.*
State Law Reference --- Municipal elections, Miss. Code 1972, §§21-11-1 *et seq.*, 23-1-47.

ARTICLE II. VOTING WARDS****Section 8-16. Boundaries Established.**

The Wards designated for the City of Laurel from which the Council shall be elected shall be known as Ward 1, Ward 2, Ward 3, Ward 4, Ward 5, Ward 6 and Ward 7. The boundaries for each Ward shall be as follows:

WARD 1: Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of U.S. Highway 84 and the centerline of North 16th Avenue; thence run southerly along the centerline of said North 16th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Queen Street; thence run easterly along the centerline of said Queen Street to its intersection with the centerline of South 13th Avenue; thence run southerly along the centerline of said South 13th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Woodlawn Drive; thence run westerly along the centerline of said Woodlawn Drive to its intersection with the centerline of South 14th Avenue; thence run southerly along the centerline of said South 14th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Lee Street; thence run westerly along the centerline of said Lee Street to its intersection with the centerline of South 16th Avenue; thence run southerly along the centerline of said South 16th Avenue to a point on a line 150 feet perpendicular north of and parallel to the centerline of Airport Drive; thence run westerly along said line 150 feet perpendicular north of and parallel to the centerline of Airport Drive to its intersection with the centerline of West Drive; thence run southerly along the centerline of West Drive to its intersection with the centerline of U.S. Highway 11; thence run easterly along the centerline of U. S. Highway 11 90 feet, more or less, to its intersection with the centerline of an unnamed street; thence run southerly along the centerline of said street to its intersection with the southern municipal limits of the City of Laurel, Mississippi; thence run westerly following along the meandering of said municipal limits in a clockwise direction to the point where said municipal limits intersects the east line of Section 2, Township 8 North, Range 12 East; thence leaving said municipal limits run southerly along the East line of said Section 2 to its intersection with the centerline of U.S. Highway 84; thence run easterly along the centerline of said U.S. Highway 84 to its intersection with the centerline of North 16th Avenue and the point of beginning.

Source: Ordinance No. 1448-2004; § 1, 9-7-04, Ordinance No. 1590-2012, 7-19-2012

WARD 2: Beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and the centerline of North 16th Avenue; thence run westerly along the centerline of said U.S. Highway 84 to its intersection with the East line of Section 2, Township 8 North, Range 12 West; thence run northerly along the East line of said Section 2 to a point on the northern right-of-way of U.S. Highway 84, said point also lying on

** **Editor's Note** --- Art. II, §§8-16 --- 8-19, pertaining to the division and establishment of precincts, boundaries, and voting places for commission elections derived from Code 1969, §§ 11-35 and 11-57 --- 11-59; Ordinance No. 759-1976, § 1, enacted September 28, 1976; Ordinance No. 771-1977, § 1, enacted April 5, 1977; and Ordinance No. 809-1978, § 1, enacted April 18, 1978, was deleted as being superseded by the provisions of Ordinance No. 1037-1985, §§ 4, 5, adopted February 26, 1985. Said provisions have been codified as §§ 8-16 and 8-17 at the editor's discretion.

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the municipal limits of the City of Laurel, Mississippi; thence run northerly following the meandering of said municipal limits in a clockwise direction of the point where said municipal limits intersect the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 9 North, Range 12 West; thence run east to a point on the centerline of Mississippi Highway 15; thence run southerly along the centerline of said Mississippi Highway 15 to its intersection with the centerline of Old Amy Road; thence run southeasterly along the centerline of said Old Amy Road to its intersection with the centerline of Old Bay Springs Road; thence run southerly along the centerline of said Old Bay Springs Road to its intersection with the centerline of West 21st Street; thence run easterly along the centerline of West 21st Street to its intersection with the centerline of North 7th Avenue; thence run southerly along the centerline of said North 7th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of 20th Street; thence run easterly along the centerline of said 20th Street to its intersection with the centerline of North 5th Avenue; thence run southerly along the centerline of said North 5th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of West 13th Street; thence run westerly along the centerline of said West 13th Street to its intersection with the centerline of North 6th Avenue; thence run southerly along the centerline of said North 6th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of West 10th Street; thence run westerly along the centerline of West 10th Street to its intersection with the centerline of said North 10th Avenue; thence run northerly along the centerline of North 10th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of West 12th Street; thence run westerly along the centerline of West 12th Street to its intersection with the centerline of Mississippi Highway 15; thence run southerly along the centerline of Mississippi Highway 15 to its intersection with the centerline of U.S. Highway 84, the same point also being the point of beginning..

Source: Ordinance No. 1448-2004, § 1, 9-7-04, Ordinance No. 1590-2012, 7-19-2012

WARD 3: Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of Mississippi Highway 15 and the centerline of Old Amy Road; thence run southeasterly along the centerline of said Old Amy Road to its intersection with the centerline of Old Bay Springs Road; thence run southerly along the centerline of said Old Bay Springs Road to its intersection with the centerline of West 21st Street; thence run easterly along the centerline of said West 21st Street to its intersection with the centerline of North 7th Avenue; thence run southerly along the centerline of said North 7th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of 20th Street; thence run easterly along the centerline of said 20th Street to its intersection with the centerline of North 5th Avenue; thence run northerly along the centerline of said North 5th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Northview Drive; thence run northwesterly to the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 19, Township 9 North, Range 11 West, said point also lying on the municipal limits of the City of Laurel, Mississippi; thence run westerly following along the meanderings of said municipal limits in a counter clockwise direction to a point lying due East of the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 9 North, Range 12 West; thence leaving said municipal limits run east to a point in the

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centerline of Mississippi Highway 15; thence run southerly along the centerline of said Mississippi Highway 15 to its intersection with the centerline of Old Amy Road and the point of beginning.

Source: Ordinance No. 1448-2004, § 1, 9-7-04, Ordinance No. 1590-2012, 7-19-2012

WARD 4: Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of North 5th Avenue and the centerline of 20th Street; thence run southerly along the centerline of said North 5th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of East 13th Street; thence run easterly along the centerline of said East 13th Street to its intersection with the centerline of Ameranth Street; thence run southerly along the centerline of said Ameranth Street to its intersection with the centerline of East 12th Street; thence run easterly along the centerline of East 12th Street to its intersection with the centerline of North Mississippi Avenue; thence run southerly along the centerline of said North Mississippi Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of East 11th Street; thence run easterly along the eastward extension of the centerline of said East 11th Street to its intersection with the centerline of Interstate Highway 59; thence run northeasterly along the centerline of said Interstate Highway 59 to its intersection with the east line of Section 32, Township 9 North, Range 11 West, said point lying on the municipal limits of the City of Laurel, Mississippi; thence run northerly following along the meanderings of the said municipal limits in a counter clockwise direction to the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 19, Township 9 North, Range 11 West; thence leaving said municipal limits run southeasterly to the intersection of the centerline of Northview Drive and the centerline of North 5th Avenue; thence run southerly along the centerline of said North 5th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of 20th Street and the point of beginning.

Source: Ordinance No. 1448-2004; § 1, 9-7-0, Ordinance No. 1590-2012, 7-19-2012

WARD 5: Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of North 5th Avenue and the centerline of East 13th Street; thence run easterly along the centerline of said East 13th Street to its intersection with the centerline of Ameranth Street; thence run southerly along the centerline of said Ameranth Street to its intersection with the centerline of East 12th Street; thence run easterly along the centerline of said East 12th Street to its intersection with the centerline of North Mississippi Ave; thence run southerly along the centerline of said North Mississippi Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of East 11th Street; thence run easterly along the eastward extension of the centerline of said East 11th Street to its intersection with the centerline of said Interstate Highway 59; thence run northerly along the centerline of Interstate Highway 59 to its intersection with the East line of Section 32, Township 9 North, Range 11 West, said point lying on the municipal limits of the City of Laurel, Mississippi; thence run southerly along the meandering of the said municipal limits in a clockwise direction to its intersection with the centerline of Custom Street; thence run northerly along the centerline of Custom Street to its intersection with the centerline of East Jackson Street; thence run westerly along the centerline of said East Jackson Street to its intersection with the centerline of

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Masonite Drive; thence run northerly along the centerline of Masonite Drive to its intersection with the centerline of said Interstate Highway 59; thence run westerly along the centerline of Interstate Highway 59 to its intersection with the centerline of Ellisville Boulevard; thence run northeasterly along the centerline of said Ellisville Boulevard and continuing northeasterly along the centerline of Spec Wilson to its intersection with the centerline of West Oak Street; thence run northwesterly along the centerline of said West Oak Street to its intersection with the centerline of North 5th Avenue; thence run northerly along the centerline of said North 5th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of West 7th Street; thence run westerly along the centerline of West 7th Street to its intersection with the centerline of North 6th Avenue; thence run northerly along the centerline of North 6th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of West 13th Street; thence run easterly on the centerline of West 13th Street to its intersection with the centerline of North 5th Avenue and the point of beginning.

Source: Ordinance No. 1448-2004, § 1, 9-7-04. Ordinance No. 1590-2012, 7-19-2012

WARD 6: Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of U.S. Highway 84 and the centerline of North 16th Avenue; thence run southerly along the centerline of said North 16th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Queen Street; thence run easterly along the centerline of said Queen Street to its intersection with the centerline of South 13th Avenue; thence run northerly along the centerline of said South 13th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Interstate Highway 59; thence run easterly along the centerline of Interstate Highway 59 to its intersection with the centerline of Royal Street; thence run southeasterly along the centerline of said Royal Street to its intersection with the centerline of Beacon Street; thence run southwestwesterly along the centerline of said Beacon Street to its intersection with the centerline of Hartford Street; thence run southeasterly along the centerline of said Hartford Street to its intersection with the centerline of Ellisville Boulevard; thence run southwestwesterly along the centerline of Ellisville Boulevard to a point intersecting a westerly extension of the centerline of Johnson Street; thence run easterly along the westerly extension of the centerline of Johnson Street and continue along said centerline of Johnson Street to its intersection with the centerline of South 9th Avenue; thence run northerly along the centerline of said South 9th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Limbert Street; thence run easterly along the centerline of said Limbert Street to its intersection with the centerline of South 4th Avenue; thence run northerly along the centerline of said South 4th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Masonite Drive; thence run northerly along the centerline of Masonite Drive to its intersection with the centerline of Interstate Highway 59; thence run westerly along the centerline of said Interstate Highway 59 to its intersection with the centerline of Ellisville Boulevard; thence run northeasterly along the centerline of said Ellisville Boulevard and continuing northeasterly along the centerline of Spec Wilson to its intersection with the centerline of West Oak Street; thence run northwesterly along the centerline of said West Oak Street to its intersection with the centerline of North 5th Avenue; thence run northerly along the centerline of North 5th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of

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West 7th Street; thence run westerly along the centerline of West 7th Street to its intersection with the centerline North 6th Avenue; thence run northerly on the centerline of North 6th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of West 10th Street; thence run westerly along the centerline of West 10th Street to its intersection with the centerline of North 10th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of West 12th Street; thence run westerly along the centerline of West 12th Street to its intersection with Mississippi Highway 15; thence run southerly along the centerline of Mississippi Highway 15 to its intersection with the centerline of U.S. Highway 84; the same point also being the point of beginning.

Source: Ordinance No. 1448-2004, § 1, 9-7-04.; Ordinance No. 1590-2012, 7-19-2012.

WARD 7: Beginning at the intersection of South 13th Avenue and Queen Street; thence run southerly along the centerline of said South 13th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Woodlawn Drive; thence run westerly along the centerline of said Woodlawn Drive to its intersection with the centerline of South 14th Avenue; thence run southerly along the centerline of said South 14th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Lee Street; thence run westerly along the centerline of said Lee Street to its intersection with the centerline of South 16th Avenue; thence run southerly along the centerline of said South 16th Avenue to a point on a line 150 feet perpendicular north of and parallel to the centerline of Airport Drive; thence run westerly along said line 150 feet perpendicular north of and parallel to the centerline of Airport Drive to its intersection with the centerline of West Drive; thence run southerly along the centerline of West Drive to its intersection with the centerline of U. S. Highway 11; thence run easterly along the centerline of U. S. Highway 11 90 feet, more or less, to its intersection with the centerline of an unnamed street; thence run southerly along the centerline of said street to its intersection with the southern municipal limits of the City of Laurel, Mississippi; thence follow the meandering of said municipal limits in a counter clockwise direction to its intersection with the centerline of Custom Street; thence run northerly along the centerline of Custom Street to its intersection with the centerline of East Jackson Street; thence run westerly along the centerline of said East Jackson Street to its intersection with the centerline of Masonite Drive; thence run southerly along the centerline of said Masonite Drive to its intersection with the centerline of South 4th Avenue; thence run southerly along the centerline of South 4th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Limbert Street; thence run westerly along the centerline of Limbert Street to its intersection with the centerline of South 9th Avenue; thence run southerly along the centerline of South 9th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Johnson Street; thence run westerly along the centerline of Johnson Street and a westerly extension thereof to its intersection with the centerline of Ellisville Boulevard; thence run northeasterly along the centerline of Ellisville Boulevard to its intersection with the centerline of Hartford Street; thence run northwesterly along the centerline of Harford Street to its intersection with the centerline of Beacon Street; thence run northeasterly along the centerline of Beacon Street to its intersection with Royal Street; thence run northwesterly along the centerline of

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Royal Street to its intersection with the centerline of Interstate Highway 59; thence run westerly along the centerline of Interstate Highway 59 to its intersection with the centerline of South 13th Avenue; thence run southerly along the centerline of South 13th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Queen Street and the point of beginning.

Source: Ordinance No. 1202-1993, § 1, 2-5-93; Ordinance No. 1448-2004, § 1, 9-7-04, Ordinance No. 1590-2012, 7-19-2012

Section 8-17. Polling Places Designated.

The following voting places for each Ward shall be as follows:

Ward 1 --- The Church of Christian Unity, 1000 South Nineteenth Avenue

Ward 2 --- Parkview Baptist Church Family Life Center, 930 North 10th Avenue

Ward 3 --- Old AmSouth Bank Building at 2908 Audubon Drive

Ward 4 --- Christ Church, 1301 North 2nd Avenue

Ward 5 --- L. T. Ellis Center, 610 Munson Street

Ward 6 --- Fire Station #1 (One), 314 Ellisville Boulevard

Ward 7 --- Oak Park Field House (Sam Malone Field House), Taylor Street (right off Queensburg Avenue)

Source: Ordinance No. 1202-1993, § 1, 2-5-93; Ordinance No. 1382-2001, §8-17, 2-6-01; Ordinance No. 1448-2004, § 1, 9-7-04; Ordinance No. 1490-2007, 4-17-07 , Ordinance No. 1590-2012, 7-19-2012, Ordinance No. 1599-2012, 12-18-2012; Ordinance No. 1662-2017, 8-22-2017

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