

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of City Councilors, as well as their qualifications and election, derived from Code 1969, § 2-16, was deleted as being superseded by the provisions of Ordinance No. 1037-1985, adopted Feb. 26, 1985.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 Existing Corporate Limits of the City of Laurel, Mississippi as described in the Record of Incorporation Book No. 409 in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Mississippi, said point also being the POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence, leaving said Existing Corporate Limits of the City of Laurel, run Easterly along the centerline of U.S. Highway 84 to its intersection with the centerline of North 16th Avenue;

Thence run Southerly along the centerline of said North 16th Avenue and continue along the centerline of South 16th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of King Street;

Thence run Easterly along the centerline of King Street to its intersection with centerline of South 14th Avenue;

Thence run Northerly along the centerline of South 14th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Queen Street;

Thence run Easterly along the centerline of 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 Lee Street;

Thence run Westerly along the centerline of said Lee Street to its intersection with the centerline of South 16th Avenue;

Thence run Northerly along the centerline of South 16th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Lincoln Street;

Thence run Westerly along the centerline of Lincoln Street to its intersection with the centerline of 18th Avenue;

Thence run Southerly along the centerline of 18th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Marie Drive;

Thence run Southeasterly, Southwesterly, and Southerly along the centerline of Marie Drive 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 Airport Drive;

Thence run Westerly along the centerline of Airport Drive to its intersection with the centerline of Interstate 59;

^{**} **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.

Thence run Southerly along the centerline of Interstate 59 to its intersection with the centerline of U.S. Highway 11;

Thence run Southwesterly along the centerline of U.S. Highway 11 to its intersection with the centerline of Indian Springs Road;

Thence run Westerly along the centerline of Indian Springs Road to its intersection with the Existing Corporate Limits of the City of Laurel, Mississippi;

Thence run Northerly and continue on said Existing Corporate Limits of the City of Laurel, Mississippi to the intersection of the centerline of U.S. Highway 84, said point being the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Ward 2

Beginning at the intersection of the North line of Section 25, Township 9 North, Range 12 West and a point which is 165.00 feet West of and perpendicular from the centerline of Mississippi State Highway 15, said point being on the Existing Corporate Limits of the City of Laurel, Mississippi as described in the Record of Incorporation Book No. 409 in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Mississippi, said point also being the POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence run Easterly along the North line of said Section 25 to its intersection with the centerline of Mississippi State Highway 15;

Thence run Southerly along the centerline of Mississippi State Highway 15 to its intersection with the centerline of Old Amy Road;

Thence run Southeasterly along the centerline of Old Amy Road to its intersection with the centerline of Old Bay Springs Road;

Thence run Southerly along the centerline of 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 North 7th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of 20th Street;

Thence run Easterly along the centerline of 20th Street to its intersection with the northerly extension of the East line of a parcel of land known as 134H-30-04-001.00 (PIN 13426) owned by the City of Laurel and known as Mason Memorial Park;

Thence run Southerly along the northerly extension of the East line of said parcel of land known as 134H-30-04-001.00 (PIN 13426) and continue along the East line of said parcel of land known as 134H-30-04-001.00 (PIN 13426) and the southern extension of the East line of said parcel of land known as 134H-30-04-001.00 (PIN 13426) to its intersection with the centerline of 18th Street;

Thence run Westerly along the centerline of 18th Street to its intersection with the northerly extension of the East line of a parcel of land known as 134I-31-01-008.00 (PIN 15595) owned by the City of Laurel and known as Mason Memorial Park;

Thence run Southerly along the northerly extension of the East line of said parcel of land known as 134I-31-01-008.00 (PIN 15595) and continue along the East line of said parcel of land known as 134I-31-01-008.00 (PIN 15595) and the southern extension of the East line of said parcel of land known as 134I-31-01-008.00 (PIN 15595) to its intersection with the centerline of 15th Street;

Thence run Westerly along the centerline of 15th Street to its intersection with the centerline of North 7th Avenue;

Thence run Southerly along the centerline of North 7th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of West 13th Street;
Thence run Westerly along the centerline of West 13th Street to its intersection with the centerline of North 10th Avenue;
Thence run Southerly along the centerline of North 10th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of West 12th Street;
Thence run Easterly along the centerline of West 12th Street to its intersection with the centerline of North 9th Avenue;
Thence run Southeasterly along the centerline of North 9th Avenue to its intersection with the intersection of the centerline of West 10th Street;
Thence run Westerly along the centerline of West 10th Street to its intersection with the centerline of Mississippi State Highway 15;
Thence run Southerly along the centerline of Mississippi State Highway 15 to its intersection with the centerline of U.S. Highway 84;
Thence run Westerly along the centerline of said U.S. Highway 84 to its intersection with the Existing Corporate Limits of the City of Laurel, Mississippi;
Thence run Northerly and continue clockwise along the Existing Corporate Limits of the City of Laurel, Mississippi to the intersection of the North line of Section 25, Township 9 North, Range 12 West and a point which is 165.00 West of and perpendicular from the centerline of Mississippi State Highway 15, said point being the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Ward 3

Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19, Township 9 North, Range 11 West, said point being on the Existing Corporate Limits of the City of Laurel, Mississippi as described in the Record of Incorporation Book No. 409 in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Mississippi, said point also being the POINT OF BEGINNING;
Thence run Southerly along the East line of said Section 19 to the centerline of North 5th Avenue;
Thence run Southerly along the centerline of North 5th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Flowers Drive;
Thence run Westerly along the centerline of Flowers Drive to its intersection with the centerline of North 7th Avenue;
Thence run Southerly along the centerline of North 7th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of West 21st Street;
Thence run Westerly along the centerline of West 21st Street to its intersection with the centerline of Old Bay Springs Road;
Thence run Westerly and Northerly along the centerline of Old Bay Springs Road to its intersection with the centerline of Old Amy Road;
Thence run Northwesterly along the centerline of Old Amy Road to its intersection with the centerline of Mississippi State Highway 15;
Thence run Northerly along the centerline of Mississippi State Highway 15 to its intersection with the North line of Section 25, Township 9 North, Range 12 West;
Thence run Westerly along the North line of said Section 25 to its intersection with a point which is 165.00 feet West of and perpendicular from the centerline of Mississippi State Highway 15, said point being on the Existing Corporate Limits of the City of Laurel, Mississippi;

Thence run Northerly and continue clockwise along said Existing Corporate Limits of the City of Laurel, Mississippi to its intersection with the Southeast corner of the Northeast ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 19, Township 9 North, Range 11 West, said point being the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Ward 4

Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of Tallahala Creek and U.S. Highway 84, said point being on the Existing Corporate Limits of the City of Laurel, Mississippi as described in the Record of Incorporation Book No. 409 in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Mississippi, said point also being the POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence run Westerly along the centerline of U.S. Highway 84 to its intersection with the centerline of Interstate 59;

Thence run Northerly along the centerline of Interstate 59 to its intersection with the Easterly extension of the centerline of East 11th Street;

Thence run Westerly along the Easterly extension of the centerline of East 11th Street and continue along the centerline East 11th Street to its intersection with the centerline of U.S. Highway 11;

Thence run Northerly along the centerline of U.S. Highway 11 to its intersection with the centerline of East 13th Street;

Thence, crossing the Norfolk Southern Railroad, run Westerly along the Westerly extension of the centerline of East 13th Street and continue along the centerline of East 13th Street and West 13th Street to its intersection with the centerline of North 7th Avenue;

Thence run Northerly along the centerline of North 7th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of 15th Street;

Thence run Easterly along the centerline of 15th Street to its intersection with the Southerly extension of the East line of a parcel of land known as 134I-31-01-008.00 (PIN 15595) owned by the City of Laurel and known as Mason Memorial Park;

Thence run Northerly along the Southerly extension of the East line of said parcel of land known as 134I-31-01-008.00 (PIN 15595) and continue along the East line of said parcel of land known as 134I-31-01-008.00 (PIN 15595) and the Northerly extension of the East line of said parcel of land known as 134I-31-01-008.00 (PIN 15595) to its intersection with the centerline of 18th Street;

Thence Easterly along the centerline of 18th Street to its intersection with the Southerly extension of the East line of a parcel of land known as 134H-30-04-001.00 (PIN 13426) owned by the City of Laurel and known as Mason Memorial Park;

Thence run Northerly along the Southerly extension of the East line of said parcel of land known as 134H-30-04-001.00 (PIN 13426) and continue along the East line of said parcel of land known as 134H-30-04-001.00 (PIN 13426) and the Northerly extension of the East line of said parcel of land known as 134H-30-04-001.00 (PIN 13426) to its intersection with the centerline of 20th Street;

Thence run Westerly along the centerline of 20th Street to its intersection with the centerline of North 7th Avenue;

Thence run Northerly along the centerline of North 7th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Flowers Drive;

Thence run Easterly along the centerline of Flowers Drive 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 East line of Section 19, Township 9 North, Range 11 West;

Thence run Northerly along the East line of said Section 19 to its intersection with the Southeast corner of the Northeast ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of said Section 19, said point being on the Existing Corporate Limits of the City of Laurel, Mississippi;

Thence run North and continue clockwise along said Existing Corporate Limits of the City of Laurel, Mississippi to the intersection of Tallahala Creek and U.S. Highway 84, said point being the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Ward 5

Beginning at the intersection of Tallahala Creek and Custom Street, said point being on the Existing Corporate Limits of the City of Laurel, Mississippi as described in the Record of Incorporation Book No. 409 in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Mississippi, said point also being the POINT OF BEGINNING;

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 East Jackson Street 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 Interstate Highway 59 to its intersection with the centerline of U.S. Highway 11;

Thence run Northeasterly along the centerline of U.S. Highway 11 to its intersection with the centerline of West Oak Street;

Thence run Northwesterly along the centerline of 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 West 10th Street;

Thence run Westerly along the centerline of West 10th Street to its intersection with the centerline of North 9th Avenue;

Thence run Northwesterly along the centerline of North 9th 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 North 10th Avenue;

Thence run Northerly along the centerline of North 10th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of West 13th Street;

Thence run easterly on the centerline of West 13th Street and continue along the centerline of East 13th Street and continue along the Westerly extension of the centerline of East 13th Street to its intersection with the centerline of U.S. Highway 11;

Thence run Southerly along the centerline of U.S. Highway 11 to its intersection with the centerline of East 11th Street;

Thence run Easterly along East 11th Street and continue along the Eastward extension of the centerline of East 11th Street to its intersection with the centerline of Interstate Highway 59;

Thence run Southerly along the centerline of Interstate 59 to its intersection with the centerline of U.S. Highway 84;

Thence run Easterly along the centerline of U.S. Highway 84 to its intersection with Tallahala Creek, said point being on the Existing Corporate Limits of the City of Laurel, Mississippi;

Thence run South and continue clockwise along said Existing Corporate Limits of the City of Laurel, Mississippi to the intersection of Tallahala Creek and Custom Street, said point being the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Ward 6

Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of U.S. Highway 84 and the centerline of North 16th Avenue, said point also being the POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence run Southerly along the centerline of North 16th Avenue and continue along the centerline of South 16th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of King Street;

Thence run Easterly along the centerline of King Street to its intersection with the centerline of South 14th Avenue;

Thence run Northerly along the centerline of South 14th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Queen Street;

Thence run Easterly and Southeasterly along the centerline of Queen Street to its intersection with the centerline of U.S. Highway 11;

Thence run Southwesterly along the centerline of U.S. Highway 11 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 South 9th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Limbert Street;

Thence run Easterly along the centerline of Limbert Street to its intersection with the centerline of South 4th Avenue;

Thence run Northerly along the centerline of 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 Interstate Highway 59 to its intersection with the centerline of U.S. Highway 11;

Thence run Northeasterly along the centerline of U.S. Highway 11 to its intersection with the centerline of West Oak Street;

Thence run Northwesterly along the centerline of 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 West 10th Street;

Thence run Westerly along the centerline of West 10th Street to its intersection with the centerline of North 16th Avenue;

Thence run Southerly along the centerline of North 16th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of U.S. Highway 84, said point being the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Ward 7

Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of Indian Springs Road and the Existing Corporate Limits of the City of Laurel, Mississippi as described in the Record of Incorporation Book No. 409 in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Mississippi, said point also being the POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence, leaving said Existing Corporate Limits of the City of Laurel, run Easterly along the centerline of Indian Springs Road to its intersection with U.S. Highway 11;

Thence run Northeasterly along the centerline of U.S. Highway 11 to its intersection with the centerline of Interstate 59;

Thence run Northerly along the centerline of Interstate 59 to its intersection with the centerline of Airport Drive;

Thence run Easterly along the centerline of Airport Drive to its intersection with the centerline of West Drive;

Thence run Northerly to a point on a line 150 feet perpendicular North of and parallel to the centerline of Airport Drive;

Thence run Easterly along said line 150 perpendicular North of and parallel to the centerline of Airport Drive to its intersection with the centerline of Marie Drive;

Thence run Northerly, Northeasterly, and Northwesterly along the centerline of Marie Drive to its intersection with the centerline of 18th Avenue;

Thence run Northerly along the centerline of 18th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Lincoln Street;

Thence run Easterly along the centerline of Lincoln Street to its intersection with the centerline of South 16th Avenue;

Thence run Southerly along the centerline of South 16th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Lee Street;

Thence run Easterly along the centerline of Lee Street to its intersection with the centerline of South 13th Avenue;

Thence run Northerly along the centerline of South 13th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Queen Street;

Thence run Southeasterly along the centerline of Queen Street to its intersection with the centerline of U.S. Highway 11;

Thence run Southwesterly along the centerline of U.S. Highway 11 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 South 9th Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Limbert Street;

Thence run Easterly along the centerline of Limbert Street to its intersection with the centerline of South 4th Avenue;

Thence run Northerly along the centerline of 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 East Jackson Street;

Thence run Easterly along the centerline of East Jackson Street to its intersection with the centerline of Custom Street;

Thence run Southerly along the centerline of Custom Street to its intersection with Tallahala Creek, said point being on the Existing Corporate Limits of the City of Laurel, Mississippi;

Thence run Southerly and continue clockwise along said Existing Corporate Limits of the City of Laurel, Mississippi to the intersection with the centerline of Indian Springs Road, said point being the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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 Alumni Building, 114 Jeff Rockette Drive (behind Oak Park
Elementary School)

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; Ordinance No. 1702-2021, 1-19-2021; Ordinance No. 1768-2025, §8-17, 2/4/2025