

**CITY OF GAUTIER  
MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Samantha Abell, City Manager  
**From:** Patty Huffman, Grants and Projects Manager  
**Through:** Chandra Nicholson, Director of Economic Development and Planning  
**Date:** September 20, 2013  
**Subject:** Submission of an Application to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality for a Local Government Solid Waste Assistance Grant

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**REQUEST:**

The Economic Development and Planning Department requests City Council authorization to submit an application to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) for a Local Government Solid Waste Assistance grant in the amount of \$25,000.00.

**BACKGROUND:**

Municipalities with populations between 10,000 and 25,000 are eligible for a maximum of \$25,000.00. The Department of Environmental Quality accepts applications twice each year for the Solid Waste Assistance Program (April 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>).

**DISCUSSION:**

The Economic Development and Planning Department proposes to apply for funding for the clean-up of existing and future unauthorized dumps on public or private property, subject to the limitation of Section 17-17-65(3), Mississippi Code, Annotated and Paragraph A.9 of these regulations. Code Enforcement has identified several potential sites for clean-up. If funding for clean-up funds is approved, the City will be required to make a reasonable effort to determine if a responsible party or person can be identified, and, if so, to require that party or person to clean up the property.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Economic Development and Planning Department staff recommends that City Council authorize submission of a grant application to MDEQ for Local Government Solid Waste Assistance funding for clean-up of existing and future unauthorized dumps in the City of Gautier.

City Council may

1. authorize submission of an application to MDEQ for the Local Government Solid Waste Assistance Grant as outlined above; or
1. authorize submission of a grant application to MDEQ with changes; or
2. disapprove submission of a grant application to MDEQ as described above..

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

N/A