PUBLIC NOTICE AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CITY OF HATTIESBURG CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND ACTION PLAN AMENDMENTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Hattiesburg, Department of Urban Development has produced a draft amendment to the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan and the 2019 Annual Action Plan, which outlines proposed use of CDBG and HOME grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. NOTICE is further hereby given that the City has produced a draft amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan.

The amendments proposed to all three (3) documents relate to the City's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and serve to enable the City to incorporate a special allocation of \$321,280 in CDBG grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Further, these amendments take advantage of a waiver offered by HUD to expedite the public comment process in order to put these funds to use as soon as possible. As such, residents and other stakeholders are encouraged to provide any comments no later than May 21, 2020.

NOTICE is further hereby given that the draft documents are available for review at www.hattiesburgms.com/community-development or at City Hall, First Floor, Department of Urban Development, 200 Forrest Street, Hattiesburg, MS.

NOTICE is further hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. to afford an opportunity for stakeholders and residents to provide feedback and comments related to the proposed amendments. In light of social distancing requirements, this will be a VIRTUAL Public Hearing with access by internet or phone. For instructions on how to join the virtual Public Hearing, please contact the Department of Urban Development at (601) 545-4675 no later than 3:00 p.m. on May 19, 2020.

Additionally, comments related to the draft documents may be mailed to the City of Hattiesburg, Department of Urban Development, Community Development Division, P.O. Box 1898, Hattiesburg, MS 39403-1898, or delivered to City Hall, First Floor, Department of Urban Development, 200 Forrest Street, Hattiesburg, MS. Related comments should be delivered by May 21, 2020.

Questions may be directed to the Department of Urban Development at (601) 545-4558. To ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities that require aids or services to participate may contact the Department of Urban Development at (601) 545-4675; or e-mail shall@hattiesburgms.com in advance of meetings to make arrangements.

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