RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Inline Forest Products has requested a permit to spray wood products from the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ); and,

WHEREAS, none of the some 50 constituents who attended a Ward 5 public meeting March 12, 2012, spoke in favor of the permit being issued, despite having had the benefit of a power point presentation on the MDEQ permitting process and a presentation from Inline Forest Products; and,

WHEREAS, residents of the Palmers Crossing community of Hattiesburg, where the company is located, are united in their opposition to the operation of the proposed fumigation facility, to the toxic materials that Inline Forest Products proposes to use, and to the hazardous air pollutants that said facility would emit; and,

WHEREAS, Inline Forest Products is located in the heart of Palmers Crossing and in close proximity to residential areas and to the neighborhood school and community center; and,

WHEREAS, Inline Forest Products is located on property that is zoned I-1 and, according to Article 4, Section 65.02 (42) of the City of Hattiesburg's Land Development Code, would require a zoning change to I-2 in order to allow "wood preserving by creosote or other impregnating treatment"; and,

WHEREAS, representatives of Inline Forest Products have been asked to meet with the City's Director of Urban Development to ensure that proper procedures are followed, but to date have failed to do so; and,

WHEREAS, the stated mission of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Mississippians, now and in the future, by using research and responsible regulations as a means of conserving and improving the environment and encouraging wise economic growth; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of Hattiesburg likewise seeks to encourage wise economic growth, but never at a cost to the health and safety of its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN, that the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, do hereby declare that the City of Hattiesburg will take whatever steps necessary to protect the welfare of its citizens, and thus do urge that the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality heed the voice of the citizens of Hattiesburg and decline to grant any permits to Inline Forest Products for its proposed fumigation facility, this the 9th day of April, A.D., 2012.

Kim Bradley, President

Councilman, Ward 1

Johnny L. DuPree, Mayor

City of Hattiesburg

Dave Ware, Vice President Councilman, Ward 4

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Councilwoman, Ward 2

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EXHIBIT