HOUSE BILL NO. 1606

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI, 2 TO ESTABLISH, PROMOTE AND DEVELOP TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 3 WITHIN THE CITY; TO GRANT THE CITY CERTAIN POWERS WITH REGARD TO 4 TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. The City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, is 2 authorized to establish, promote and develop tourism and economic 3 development within the city.

SECTION 2. In order to effectuate the purposes of this act, 2 the City of Ocean Springs is authorized and empowered to:

(a) Acquire, own, lease, furnish, equip, staff and 2 operate any and all facilities and equipment necessary and useful 3 in the promotion of tourism and economic development;

(b) Receive funds from any source;

(c) Expend funds from the general fund and any other 2 lawful source;

(d) Purchase, sell, lease and dispose of all real and 2 personal property necessary and useful in exercising the authority 3 granted in this act;

(e) Employ such personnel as is necessary and 2 convenient to effectuate the purposes of this act; and

(f) Have and exercise all other powers necessary or 2 convenient to effectuate the purposes of this act.

SECTION 3. Nothing in this act shall authorize the City of 2 Ocean Springs to levy any tax or charge any fee not otherwise 3 authorized by law.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from 2 and after its passage.