

## Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 1856

**TO THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE:**

**THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SENATE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:**

### AMENDMENT NO. 1

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

11           **SECTION 1.** As used in this act, the following words shall  
12 have the meanings ascribed to them in this section unless  
13 otherwise clearly indicated by the context in which they are used:

14           (a) "City" means the City of Meridian, Mississippi.

15           (b) "Developer" means any person, corporation,  
16 partnership or other entity engaged in the business of  
17 constructing and developing single-family residential real  
18 property dwellings as part of a subdivision or other development  
19 plan approved by the governing authorities.

20           (c) "Governing authorities" means the governing  
21 authorities of the City of Meridian, Mississippi.

22           (d) "Infrastructure improvements" means water  
23 improvements and sewer improvements such as water lines, sewer  
24 lines, and any other improvements designated as such by ordinance  
25 of the governing authorities, which improvements are designed and  
26 constructed in accordance with specifications and any other  
27 requirements of the city, and which improvements become public  
28 property of the city.

29           (e) "Residential development" means the construction  
30 and development of single-family residential real property  
31 dwellings as part of a subdivision or other development plan  
32 approved by the governing authorities.

33           **SECTION 2.** (1) The governing authorities may enter into any  
34 contract or other form of agreement with a developer to provide  
35 that if the developer agrees to construct and develop any  
36 residential development inside the corporate boundaries of the

37 city, then the governing authorities may reimburse the developer  
38 for a portion, not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%), of the  
39 costs incurred by the developer in constructing and installing  
40 infrastructure improvements as part of any such residential  
41 development. However, if the new dwellings constructed as part of  
42 the residential development have an average sale price of One  
43 Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) or less, then  
44 the governing authorities may reimburse the developer for not more  
45 than thirty percent (30%) of the costs incurred by the developer  
46 in constructing and installing infrastructure improvements as part  
47 of the residential development. No reimbursements shall be paid  
48 from funds derived from water and sewer services if such payments  
49 will result in a rate increase for water and sewer services for  
50 existing customers. No reimbursement shall be made to any  
51 developer unless the governing authorities shall have approved the  
52 developer's request for eligibility for such reimbursement prior  
53 to the time the actual construction of the infrastructure  
54 improvements shall have commenced. Uniform eligibility standards  
55 shall be established by resolution of the governing authority.

56 (2) Any contract entered into between the governing  
57 authorities and a developer under this act may be subject to any  
58 terms and conditions accepted and agreed upon by the governing  
59 authorities and the developer and shall not be subject to the  
60 provisions of Section 31-7-1 et seq., or any other law regarding  
61 public contracts.

62 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
63 and after its passage.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF  
2 MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH DEVELOPERS TO  
3 PROVIDE THAT IF A DEVELOPER AGREES TO CONSTRUCT AND DEVELOP ANY  
4 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AS PART OF A SUBDIVISION OR  
5 OTHER DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES  
6 INSIDE THE CITY, THEN THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES MAY REIMBURSE THE  
7 DEVELOPER FOR A PORTION OF THE COSTS INCURRED BY THE DEVELOPER IN  
8 CONSTRUCTING AND INSTALLING INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AS PART OF  
9 ANY SUCH RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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