

**CITY OF BILOXI
AGENDA ITEM
FACT SHEET**

Item No.: 4M

Council Meeting Date: April 21, 2026

ITEM TITLE: RESOLUTION
INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Jamie Creel
CONTACT PERSON:

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

Resolution accepting the proposal of the Biloxi Beautification Commission's Comprehensive Beautification Plan.

Resolution Ordinance _____ Public Hearing _____ Routine Agenda _____

Exhibits for Review

Contract _____ Minutes _____ Plans/Maps _____ Deed _____ Lease _____

Other (Specify): Exhibit "A" Comprehensive Beautification Plan

Submittal Authorization: Council President _____ Mayor

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

COUNCIL ACTION: Motion By: _____ Second By: _____

Vote:	Councilmember	Yes	No	AFR	ABST	Councilmember	Yes	No	AFR	ABST
	Gray	___	___	___	___	Tisdale	___	___	___	___
	Marshall	___	___	___	___	Glavan	___	___	___	___
	Nail	___	___	___	___	Shoemaker	___	___	___	___
	Creel	___	___	___	___					

ACTION TAKEN:

Resolution No.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF THE BILOXI BEAUTIFICATION
COMMISSION'S COMPREHENSIVE BEAUTIFICATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Biloxi (the "City") recognizes the importance of maintaining and enhancing the visual appearance, environmental quality, and overall livability of the community;

WHEREAS, a comprehensive beautification plan promotes civic pride, economic development, tourism, and improved quality of life for residents and visitors alike;

WHEREAS, pursuant to City of Biloxi Code of Ordinances 2-6-4, the Biloxi Beautification Commission (the "Commission") is charged with advising and coordinating with all city officials with regard to the development of a comprehensive beautification plan;

WHEREAS, the Commission has developed its suggestions for the initial draft of the Comprehensive Beautification Plan;

WHEREAS, the document attached hereto as Exhibit "A" contains the recommendations of the Commission regarding corridor enhancements, gateway features, litter control, and community engagement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: The findings, conclusions, and statements of fact contained in the foregoing preamble are hereby adopted, ratified and incorporated herein.

SECTION TWO: The Biloxi City Council hereby accepts the proposal of the Biloxi Beautification Commission, attached hereto as Exhibit "A," in accordance with City of Biloxi Code of Ordinances 2-6-4. This plan is made part of the city's record and shall be published on the city's website.

SECTION THREE: This resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after adoption.

City of Biloxi Comprehensive Beautification Plan



Submitted by Biloxi Beautification Commission (Lara Bernich Alley, chair; Stacey Eleuterius Barber, vice chair; Susan Cain; Vincent Creel, secretary; and James McClendon)

The City of Biloxi Comprehensive Beautification Plan is intended to guide the beautification of public and private properties and thoroughfares in Biloxi, to create a mindset among the Biloxi populace that says “Beautification is more than just picking up litter and planting flowers. It’s about instilling shared values with a goal of making a community inviting.”

This plan provides the framework to achieve those goals.

The plan incorporates four key components:

1. Beautification, how to.

a. Property owners/residents responsibilities

- i. Property owners/residents should abide by basic expectations, as outlined in existing city ordinances (regarding height of grass, trash pick up, sidewalk care, avoid blocking storm drains or ditches, etc.)
- ii. Use native species and best practices for flower beds in private, public and/or commercial businesses.

b. City responsibilities

- i. Beautification superintendent and appropriate city representative meet monthly with commission to provide updates and status reports on beautification efforts.
- ii. City refrains from using weedkiller for maintenance of ROWs, medians and other areas.
- iii. Heightened enforcement of codes involving removal of trash cans from curb.
- iv. Consistent “No Dumping” fines and appropriate signage throughout city. Currently, “No Dumping” signs are either \$100 or \$400.
- v. Provide timely plantings and enhanced upkeep of medians, beds or landscaping at several high profile areas:

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| ■ Visitors Center and Lighthouse Park | ■ Cedar Lake exits at I-10 |
| ■ Lighthouse base and median | ■ I-110 exits at Bayview, Division and I-110 |
| ■ Amtrak platform flower bed | ■ Biloxi Bay Bridge |
| ■ City Hall flower beds | ■ Back Bay Bridge |
| ■ MLK Municipal Building flower beds and landscaping | ■ Popp’s Ferry bridge |
| | ■ Point Cadet Fishing Bridge |

2. Adoption programs

Adoption programs

Who can adopt a median

Individuals	School groups (with proper supervision)
Businesses	Organizations
Families	
Civic groups	
Church groups	

How it works

- The plan includes various locations, possible renderings of flower bed treatments, suggested plantings, etc. Is water available at site?
 - Adopters would review options available and review the list of responsibilities before deciding plan of action.
 - Adopters must agree to all terms and conditions, safety guidelines and waivers.
- a. Medians/roads/streets (planting, maintaining or litter-pick up)**
- a. Adopt and maintain a six-block stretch (or more), including both sides of the street.
 - b. Serve as a volunteer in this program for at least two years.
 - c. Agree to pick up litter at least four times per year.
 - d. Agree to abide by all safety rules and guidelines.
 - e. In coordination with the Beautification Commission, the City will
 - A. provide official safety vests, gloves, trash bags and "Workers Ahead" traffic safety signs
 - B. install an Adopt-a-Roadway sign displaying the name of the adopting group
 - f. Provide safety rules and guidelines.
 - g. Remove litter bags after pick up at pre-arranged locations.

Roadways

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| ■ Irish Hill Drive | ■ Cedar Lake Road, north of Popp's Ferry |
| ■ Pass Road | ■ Cedar Lake Road, south of Popp's |
| ■ DeBuys Road (U.S. 90 to Pass Road) | ■ Popp's Ferry Road (Pass to bridge) |
| ■ Back Bay Boulevard (Reynoir to Oak) | ■ Popp's Ferry Road (bridge to Jam lane) |
| ■ Division Street (Oak to Lee) | ■ Popp's Ferry Road (Jam Lane to Cedar Lane) |
| ■ Division Street (Lee to Caillavet) | ■ Popp's Ferry (Cedar Lake to city limits) |
| ■ Division Street (Hopkins to Keester) | |
| ■ Oak Street | |
| ■ Myrtle Street and areas eastward | |

b. Sites (parks, high-profile landmarks)

- a. Adopt the entire median or other area.
- b. Agree to maintain it during all seasons.
- c. Provide a plan on what will be placed in the area, including plantings, mulch, groundcover or landscaping materials.
- d. Provide and install, at your own cost, any plantings and other materials and provide for ongoing upkeep.
- e. Clean the area at least four times a year, including litter cleanup and removal of dead plants and leaves. Additionally, incorporate Christmas decorations in the area from Thanksgiving to after first of the year.
- f. Properly dispose of all waste vegetation, materials and litter.

Suggested sites for adopting

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| ■ White House Fountain | ■ Pennzoil Park |
| ■ Guice Park (at Biloxi Small Craft Harbor) | ■ Peresich Park |
| ■ Glennan Park (near Biloxi Small Craft Harbor) | ■ Hiller Park |
| ■ O'Reilly Park (Division Street) | ■ Miramar Park |
| | ■ Dog Park |

3. Anti-litter campaigns

- a. Organized volunteer clean-ups
- b. Educational media PSAs

4. Private and public funding

- a. Sponsorships
- b. Donations to Keep Biloxi Beautiful fund.
- c. City/county/state/grants
- d. Tree mitigation fund