

Ordinance  
CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE AT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS  
City of Canton

ARTICLE I

INTRODUCTION

General Purpose. The Purpose of the following ordinance is to promote attendance of elected officials at regular board meetings. This ordinance shall repeal any other existing ordinance not compatible with the provisions of this ordinance.

ARTICLE II

The City of Canton is a “Code Charter” municipality. As such, the regular meeting of the mayor and board of aldermen are governed by Mississippi Code Annotated Section 21-3-19 which read as follows:

- (1) The Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall hold regular meetings the first Tuesday of each month at such place and hour as may be fixed by ordinance, and may, on a date fixed by ordinance, hold a second regular meeting in each month at the same place established for the first regular meeting provided said second meeting shall be held at a day and hour fixed by said ordinance which shall be not less than two (2) weeks from the first day of the regular meeting and not more than three (3) weeks from the date thereof. When a regular meeting of the mayor and board of aldermen shall fall upon a holiday, the mayor and board shall meet the following day. The mayor and board may recess either meeting from time to time to convene on a day fixed by an order of the mayor and board entered on its minutes, and may transact any business coming before it for consideration.

ARTICLE III

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If, in any quarter, any member of the Board of Aldermen is recorded absent at three or more regular meetings of the Board, the City Clerk shall transmit a communication stating that fact to the Board of Aldermen and 50% of that alderman’s compensation for that quarter shall be withheld.

If any member of the Board of Aldermen is recorded absent at a regular meeting of the Board, the City Clerk shall record that fact and enter it into the minutes. Once that board member’s absence has been recorded in the minutes and those minutes have been approved, that member of the Board of Aldermen shall forfeit an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the salary for that meeting as set forth by ordinance for non-attendance at a regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

ARTICLE IV

EXCUSED ABSENCE

The Board of Aldermen may by resolution authorize payment to any member of the Board of Aldermen of any compensation which would otherwise be forfeited pursuant to this Section, and further that the Board of Aldermen may by resolution authorize back pay for amounts withheld pursuant to this Section. The Board of Aldermen may also determine by vote that for good cause shown that member shall receive full or partial compensation. Good cause shall include but not be limited to health or other extenuating circumstances for absence.

To become effective the 6th day of January, 2012.

Said Ordinance being first reduced to writing and after discussion on the matter, full and complete, Alderman Weems offered and moved for the adoption of the above and foregoing Ordinance. Alderwoman Scott seconded the motion to adopt said Ordinance, and the question being put to a roll call vote, the results was as follows, to wit:

Alderwoman at Large Alice Scott	<u>“Aye”</u>
Alderman Rodriguez Brown	<u>“Aye”</u>
Alderman Billy Myers	<u>“Absent”</u>
Alderman Charles Weems	<u>“Aye”</u>
Alderman Louis Smith	<u>“Nay”</u>
Alderman Reuben Myers	<u>”Absent”</u>
Alderman Eric Gilkey	<u>“Absent”</u>

The motion having received the affirmative vote of the majority of the Board members present, the Mayor declared the motion carried, and the Ordinance duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Canton, Mississippi, on this 6th day of December, 2011.

s/William Truly, Jr., M.D.

William Truly, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

s/Valerie Smith

Valerie Smith, City Clerk