

**ORDINANCE NO. __ - 2018
CITY OF PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 86-52 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI, TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF THE SECTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI:**

SECTION 1. Section 86-52 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to provide as follows:

(a) The following definitions shall apply to this section:

- Fees: The term “fees” shall mean the service and connection charges set forth in Section 86-46 of the Code, the service and connection charges set forth in Section 86-49 of the Code and the costs and charges for extension of gas lines contained in Section 86-50 of the Code. The term fee shall not include deposits for the connection of utility services.
- New Dwelling Construction: The exemptions hereinafter set forth shall apply only to new dwelling construction on vacant or unimproved lots with the same being single family dwellings to be owner occupied. The value of the structure shall not be less than \$150,000.00. The exemptions herein granted shall not apply to the remodeling of, or additions to, existing structures.

(b) There is hereby granted an exemption from the fees as defined hereinabove for all new owner occupied single family dwellings, commencing with the issuance of any permits therefor from and after January 1, 2018, and prior to midnight December 31, 2018.

(c) The exemptions granted herein shall not exceed the sum of \$5,000, which sum shall be calculated based upon all exemptions granted hereunder and any other exemptions granted pursuant to any other law adopted by the city council.

(d) The exemptions granted hereunder shall be forfeited upon the happening of any one of the following events:

(1) The applicant for the exemption fails to begin construction of the dwelling within 90 days after the granting of a building permit, after which the permit may be revoked.

(2) The applicant for the exemption fails to complete construction of the dwelling within 24 months after the building permit is granted, after which the permit may be revoked.

SECTION 2. In order for the benefits provided in this ordinance to become immediately available, this ordinance shall become effective upon passage.