To: Mayor Patterson and the Board of Aldermen

From: Andrea Correll, City Planner

Date: October 16, 2014

Re: Second reading of an amendment to Section 126.06 Underground Utilities and public hearing

Please find attached the proposed text amendment to the Land Development Ordinance for your review and consideration.

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that all development and substantial improvements will be required to have all utilities installed underground. Substantial improvement is further defined in the Building Code. Staff worked with the electrical department, building department and Ordinance Review Committee developing this proposed changes.

On August 20th, 2014, the Ordinance Review Committee made up of Alderman Antonow, Planning Commissioner Whittaker, the City Engineer Bart Robinson, City Attorney Paul Watkins, along with planning staff met and recommended unanimously the changes being proposed. Two members were on vacation and unable to attend the meeting.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed amendments referenced above at their regular September 8, 2014 meeting for your consideration.

If you have additional questions or need further clarification, please contact me at 232-2305.
ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 2 SECTION 126.06 GENERAL DISTRICT REGULATIONS UTILITIES OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. That Article 2, Section 126.02 of the Land Development Code, Code of Ordinances, Oxford, Mississippi, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 126. General district regulations.

126.02 Utilities. All developments for which the site plan approval is required and substantial improvements including (single family homes, apartment complexes, shopping centers, professional offices, etc.) shall have all utilities installed underground.

SECTION II. REPEALING CLAUSE

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herein shall be, and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION III. EFFECTIVE DATE

All ordinances shall take effect and be in force as provided by law.

The above ordinance having being first reduced to writing and read and considered section by section at a public meeting or the governing authorities of the City of Oxford Mississippi on motion of Alderman _____________, seconded by Alderman ____________, and the roll being called, the same by the following votes:

Alderman Hughes   voted
Alderman Tannehill   voted
Alderman Antonow   voted
Alderman Howell   voted
Alderman Taylor   voted
Alderman Bailey   voted
Alderman Morgan   voted

APPROVED, this day the _________________ of _________________, 2014.

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GEORGE G. PATTERSON, MAYOR

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LISA D. CARWYLE, CITY CLERK