

**TO LEGISLATORS: PETITION FOR LEGISLATION TO REPEAL ALL LAWS NECESSARY SO THAT THE EXISTING MUNICIPALITY OF NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI IS DISSOLVED.**

**I SUPPORT REPEAL OF** all laws necessary so that the existing municipality of Natchez, Mississippi is **DISSOLVED**.  
**I am FOR CONSOLIDATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS.**



**I AM FOR:**

**REPEAL CHARTER** of Natchez municipality and government but **RETAIN** the name "Natchez" to identify the community as the Washington, Cranfield, Sibley, and Kingston communities have done.

**ELIMINATE 8 unnecessary elected City positions** (Mayor, 6 Aldermen, City Judge).

**HAVE ALL government functions currently performed by the Natchez municipality transferred to the Adams County Board of Supervisors (5 elected supervisors) and County Administrator, thus ending dual levels of local government resulting in single local governing by the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator.**

Online Petition and Information  
on Website

**Return to Paul H. Benoist, 329 Market Street, Natchez, Mississippi 39120 (Mail Slot at Door)**

DATE	PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS (include physical, city, state, zip)	EMAIL AND PHONE	Your connection to Natchez-Adams County, MS (Hometown Area, Own Property, Family, Want to Live in Area):	Mark if you vote in Adams County, MS

This Petition includes but is not limited to the City's Special Charter of 1846, as well as the City's 1954 Code, 1969 Code, 1997 Code, and any other codes and ordinances of whatever kind, whether general or permanent, as supplemented, amended, revised, codified, recodified by whatever method and/or of whatever kind, as well as any and all other Mississippi laws necessary so that the existing Municipality of Natchez, Mississippi is dissolved.

**CONSOLIDATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS--DISSOLUTION DOES NOT END SERVICES! IT PROMOTES GOOD-GOVERNMENT!**

<b>POSITIVES FOR DISSOLUTION</b>	<b>BENEFITS TO DISSOLUTION</b>	<b>COMMENTS ABOUT DISSOLUTION</b>
Immediately ELIMINATES eight (8) unnecessary elected offices and support	SAVES \$300,000-\$500,000 per year, or more	For Today's City residents: SAME Supervisor, SAME two (2) legislators, SAME three (3) county judges who now have reduced workloads, due to county depopulation
Immediately ELIMINATES possibility of all (new) future City taxes and (new) future City bond issues foisted on City residents by current City elected officials	Reduces costs to taxpayers, forces planning, increases efficiencies	Today's City residents will CONTINUE to be subjected to paying off EXISTING debt of today's existing City of Natchez until debt paid; See below "More About Dissolution"
Immediately STOPS City's climate for anti-business and anti-development that has driven businesses such as Roux 61 and Tractor Supply into the County	Puts all of Adams County on even playing field	Private businesses and their employees should not be punished by irresponsible public officials' decisions—five City Clerks under current administration
Immediately ELIMINATES all turf battles for services applicable to all Adams County residents, regardless of address	Supports staff consolidation; better for Requests for Proposals (RFPs) and contracts negotiations	Examples: garbage collection, recreation
Forces countywide infrastructure PLANNING, PRIORITIZATION & FUNDING	Smart Government—cohesive, comprehensive	Examples: rail, bridges, drainage, sanitation and sewer, roads, emergency services
Forces EVALUATION of consolidation of public garages and repair facilities; increases flexibility and reduction of costs of managing public vehicle fleet	Reduces costs to taxpayers, forces planning, increases efficiencies	City has taken little or no action after requests over years
Forces countywide PLAN to EVALUATE essential public properties and to put/return SURPLUS PUBLIC PROPERTIES to property tax rolls	Encourages efficient management; promotes development; generates for Adams County property taxes from those properties formerly not on the tax rolls	City has taken little or no action after requests over years
ELIMINATES clumsy, ineffective, and difficult-to-manage inter-local agreements	Reduces costs; reduces the number of elected public officials involved in this sort of management from twelve (12) to five (5)	Result would be five (5) Supervisors <b>with</b> Manager rather than seven (7) City and five (5) County elected public officials and no City Manager
Immediately ELIMINATES City's raid on tourism tax monies of Natchez Convention Promotion Commission (NCPC).	Promotes tourism efforts and convention center debt service to pay off convention center as a priority	Today's City residents will CONTINUE to be subjected to paying off EXISTING debt of today's existing City of Natchez until debt paid; See below "More About Dissolution"

**MORE ABOUT DISSOLUTION—ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SPECIAL MILLAGE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, TAXES YOU ARE PAYING! (Petition on reverse side.)**

- a. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; SPECIAL MILLAGE; COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:** The *core* downtown entertainment/bluff area can be established as an **economic development district with special millage** for funding to support a deputy county administrator position under the supervision of the County Administrator.
- ★ b. **TAXES:** Sales tax is 7% of any sales. Cities receive approximately 20% of that 7%; Counties receive none. **THEREFORE**, Adams County can **request legislative authorization** for a **special tax district** to keep the **sales tax diversion** (that otherwise would go to what would become the former City of Natchez) **IN Adams County** to effect adequate funding for sheriff, fire, and road departments. **ALSO, see LINK for information about taxes for property owners** (including car tag) within and outside the City limits: <https://www.adamscountymys.net/online-services/>.
- c. **NOTE:** A request will be made for legislation to dissolve the City, for special tax district to keep sales tax diversion, to create an economic development district at the Natchez Center downtown entertainment/bluff area with special millage, AND for the County to handle all matters relative thereto, AND for the tax diversion to be forwarded to the County to pay first the indebtedness then to the County general fund.