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APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT - FOR MUNICIPALITIES WITH REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES OF \$100,000 OR LESS

NAME OF GOVERNMENT:	Town of Lena	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, <u>2023</u>
ADDRESS:	PO Box 108	
	Lena, MS 39094	
CONTACT PERSON:	Mayor, Randy Jones	
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Regulations issued by the Office of the State Auditor explain the requirement to apply for an exemption from audit.

If total revenues or expenditures are \$100,000 or less you may use this form.

Instructions:

In order to ensure that your government's application will be accepted by the Office of the State Auditor, you must do the following:

1. Prepare this form completely and accurately. Please note that there are seven parts to this form and all questions must be answered for the application to be considered complete.
2. File this form with the Office of the State Auditor within **3 months** after the end of the fiscal year. For years ended September 30, the form **must** be in the Office of the State Auditor by December 31.
3. The form **must** be completed by a person skilled in governmental accounting.
4. The application may be **mailed, faxed, or emailed** as indicated above. If faxed or emailed, a resolution of the governing board **must** accompany the application from exemption from audit in a format that includes the signatures of a majority of the governing body (see sample resolution). If mailed, an original plus one copy should be sent.
5. The **preparer must sign** the application that is submitted in order for it to be accepted.
6. Additional information may be attached to the exemption at the preparer's discretion.

PART 1 - CERTIFICATION OF PREPARER

1-1	Name: <u>William S. Ellzey</u>	Title: <u>Principal</u>
1-2	Firm name (if applicable): <u>Ellzey & Associates, P.A.</u>	
1-3	Address: <u>Post Office Box 629, Canton, MS 39046</u>	
1-4	Date prepared: <u>11/20/2023</u>	Telephone number: <u>601-859-3275</u>
1-5	Signature: <u>William S. Ellzey CPA</u>	
	The person that completes this form must be skilled in governmental accounting. (Skilled means possessing sufficient knowledge of governmental accounting to complete the exemption form.)	Check One
		Yes No
1-6	Are you a person skilled in governmental accounting?	X
	If no, this exemption will be rejected.	

PART 2 - REVENUE(Receipts-Cash Basis)

	REVENUE: All revenues for all funds must be reflected in this section including proceeds from the sale of the government's land, building, and equipment and proceeds from debt or lease transactions.	
	Description	(Omit cents)
2-1	Taxes:	\$ -
2-2	Property	\$ 17,201 -
2-3	Sales	\$ 22,569 -
2-4	Franchise	\$ 7,410 -
2-5	Licenses and permits	\$ 125 -
2-6	Intergovernmental	\$ 41,390 -
2-7	Fines	\$ 4,750 -
2-8	Investment earnings	\$ 189 -
2-9	Payments in lieu of tax	\$ -
2-10	Drug forfeitures	\$ -
2-11	Charges for utility services	\$ -
2-12	Debt proceeds	\$ -
2-13	Lease proceeds	\$ -
2-14	Proceeds from sale of capital assets	\$ -
2-15	Other (specify):	\$ -
2-16	Miscellaneous	\$ 1,238 -
2-17		\$ -
2-18		\$ -
2-19		\$ -
2-20		\$ -
2-21	TOTAL REVENUE all sources	\$ 94,872 -

PART 3 - EXPENDITURES(Disbursements-Cash Basis)		
	EXPENDITURES: All expenditures for all funds must be reflected in this section including the purchase of fixed and movable assets and principal and interest payments on long-term debt.	
	Description	(Omit cents)
3-1	Administrative	\$ 2,348 -
3-2	Salaries	\$ 10,205 -
3-3	Payroll taxes	\$ 1,141 -
3-4	Contract services	\$ -
3-5	Employee benefits	\$ -
3-6	Insurance	\$ 11,698 -
3-7	Accounting and legal fees	\$ 4,795 -
3-8	Repair and maintenance	\$ 7,973 -
3-9	Supplies	\$ -
3-10	Utilities and telephone	\$ 5,484 -
3-11	Police	\$ 476 -
3-12	Fire	\$ 5,554 -
3-13	Streets and highways	\$ 8,131 -
3-14	Public health	\$ -
3-15	Culture and recreation	\$ -
3-16	Utility operations	\$ -
3-17	Capital outlay	\$ 3,868 -
3-18	Debt service principal	\$ -
3-19	Debt service interest	\$ -
3-20	Contribution to pension plan	\$ 480 -
3-21	Other (specify):	\$ -
3-22		\$ -
3-23		\$ -
3-24		\$ -
3-25	TOTAL EXPENDITURES all categories	\$ 62,153 -

PART 4 - DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED AND RETIRED						
Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate box					Yes	No
4-1	Do you have outstanding debt?					X
If yes:	Is the debt repayment schedule attached?					
	Please complete the following debt schedule, if applicable:	Outstanding at start of fiscal year	Total issued during fiscal year (add)	Total retired during fiscal year (less)	Outstanding at fiscal year end	
	General obligation bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Revenue bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Notes/loans	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Leases	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Other (specify):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate box					Yes	No
4-2	Does the municipality have any authorized, but unissued debt?					X
If yes:	If yes, how much?	\$ -				
	If yes, what is the authorization date?					
4-3	Does the municipality intend to issue debt within the next fiscal year?					X
If yes:	If yes, how much?	\$ -				

PART 5 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS HELD AT END OF FISCAL YEAR						
and investment balances.		Checking Accounts	Savings Accounts	Certificates of Deposit	Total	
5-1	Cash deposits	\$ 255,621	\$ 14,319	\$ -	\$ 269,940	
5-2	Investments:					
5-3					\$ -	
5-4					\$ -	
5-5					\$ -	
5-6					\$ -	
5-7	Total Investments				\$ -	
5-8	Total Cash and Investments				\$ 269,940	
Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box					Yes	No
5-9	Are your deposits in an eligible public depository (Sec 27-105-5 & 27-105-353)				X	
5-10	If no, please explain:					

PART 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS						
Please answer the following questions by marking in the appropriate boxes					Yes	No
6-1	Do you have land, buildings, and/or equipment?				X	
6-2	Have you prepared an inventory of your land, buildings, and/or equipment					X
If yes:	If no, please explain:					
	All of historical cost records have not been maintained.					
	Complete the following table:	Balance - Beginning of the Year	Additions	Deletions	Balance - End of the Year	
	Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Buildings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Machinery and equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Furniture and fixtures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Other (explain):	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
PART 7 - BUDGET INFORMATION						

	Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate boxes		Yes	No
7-1	Did the municipality approve a budget for the next fiscal year end?		X	
7-2	If no, please explain:			
If yes:	Please indicate the amount appropriated for each of your funds for the next fiscal year end?			
	Fund Name	Budgeted fiscal year end Expenditures		
	General	\$ 78,008 -		
		\$ -		
		\$ -		

PART 8 - GENERAL INFORMATION

	Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate boxes		Yes	No
8-1	Has the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire been completed, adopted by your board and now part of your minutes? If no please explain:		X	

PART 9 - GOVERNING BODY APPROVAL


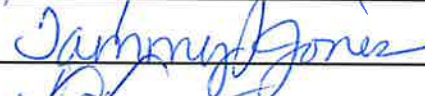


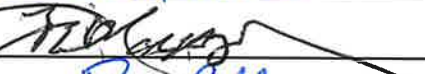

We, the undersigned, certify that this Application for Exemption from Audit has been:

Prepared consistent with regulations by OSA, which states that an Application with revenues or expenditures of \$100,000 or less **must** be prepared by a person skilled in governmental accounting;

Completed to the best of our knowledge and is **accurate** and **true**;

Reviewed and approved by a **majority** of the governing body.

Note: Please list all current members of the governing body. In addition, original signatures must be provided for a majority of those listed.

	Name (please print or type all current members of the governing body)	Date Term Expires	Signature
9-1	Mayor Randy Jones	6/30/25	
9-2	Alderman Tammy Jones	6/30/25	
9-3	Alderman John Lowry	6/30/25	
9-4	Alderman Michael Sherman	6/30/25	
9-5	Alderman Todd Mascagni	6/30/25	
9-6	Alderman Bryan Bell	6/30/25	
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