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Mayor Errick D. Simmons Proposes Temporary Pause on Water Shutoffs to Support Residents During Federal Funding Lapse

Greenville, Miss. — November 3, 2025 — Mayor Errick D. Simmons announced today that he will present a proposal to the Greenville City Council on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 to temporarily pause all residential water shutoffs as part of a compassionate response to the ongoing federal SNAP funding lapse, which has disrupted food assistance for thousands of Mississippi families.

If approved, the measure would ensure that no Greenville household loses access to water services during this period of financial uncertainty and hardship.

Statement of Mayor Simmons

“No family should have to choose between food and water,” said Mayor Simmons. “As leaders, it’s our duty to protect the health, dignity, and stability of our citizens—especially our most vulnerable households. This proposal gives families breathing room while federal assistance is restored.”

The temporary moratorium on water disconnections, if adopted by the City Council, would remain in effect until federal benefits are reinstated or until further Council action. The City’s Water Department would also work with residents to set up payment plans and hardship assistance for those impacted by the funding gap.

Mayor Simmons reaffirmed that the City of Greenville is committed to equity, compassion, and responsible governance, emphasizing that access to clean water is a basic human necessity, not a privilege.

“We stand with every parent, child, and senior who depends on these essential services,” Simmons added. “This is what community looks like—Greenville taking care of its own,” said Mayor Simmons.

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