



# MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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## APPLICATION FOR TAX EXEMPTION FOR NON-PROFIT ENTITIES

### Instructions:

Before you apply for a Tax Exemption, please read the attached Qualifications for Tax Exemption in Mississippi (§27-31-1, et seq., MS Code of 1972 Annotated), then answer the following questions to be considered for Tax Exemption. No taxes on the parcel(s) must be owed.

1. APPLICANT FOR TAX EXEMPTION: Goodwill Industries of Mississippi Inc

2. ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 379 Hwy 51, Ridgeland, MS. 39157

3. TYPE OF PROPERTY (PLEASE CHECK ONE):

- REAL PROPERTY & PERSONAL PROPERTY  
 REAL PROPERTY ONLY  
 PERSONAL PROPERTY ONLY

4. IF REQUEST INCLUDES REAL PROPERTY LIST PARCEL NUMBER(S):

PARCEL#: 0721-30C-012/00.00

5. DATE PROPERTY ACQUIRED: 2/27/2025

6. INITIAL TAX YEAR FOR REQUEST: 2026

7. ARE ANY PROPERTY TAXES CURRENTLY DUE FOR THIS PROPERTY?  
(CIRCLE ONE): YES / **(NO)**

a. If yes, list the tax years with taxes currently due and owing:

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8. REASON FOR TAX EXEMPTION: 501 C 3 Not For Profit

9. IF THE EXEMPTION CLAIM IS FOR A CHURCH, PLEASE CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING CODE SECTION 79-11-33 MS CODE OF 1972 ANNOTATED:

*A religious society, ecclesiastical body and/or any congregation thereof may hold and own the following real property, but no other.*

- a. A building used as a place of worship with a reasonable quantity of ground annexed thereto.*
- b. A quantity of ground annexed to the building used as a place of worship and used as a parish house; a community facility; a Sunday school facility; an educational facility; or for the care of children on a non-profit basis.*
- c. As a hospital or infirmary together with a reasonable amount of ground annexed thereto.*
- d. All buildings used as a school or college or seminary of learning.*
- e. All buildings used for an orphan asylum or institution.*
- f. All buildings used for a campground or assembly for religious purposes.*
- g. lands for a cemetery of sufficient dimensions.*
- h. All buildings and grounds used for denominational headquarters and/or administrative purposes.*
- i. Any land which is maintained and used as a parking lot for the convenience of the members of the congregation, church, cathedral, mission, or other unit or administrative unit from which the society receives NO REVENUE, fee, charge or assessment*

10. IF THE EXEMPTION CLAIM IS FOR A CHURCH, WHICH OF THE ABOVE QUALIFIES THE CHURCH PROPERTY FOR TAX EXEMPTION:

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11. IF THE EXEMPTION CLAIM IS FOR A CHURCH ARE ALL PROPERTIES CLAIMED ANNEXED TO THE CHURCH: YES/NO.

12. IF THE EXEMPTION CLAIM IS FOR A CHURCH AND THE PROPERTY CLAIMED FOR EXEMPTION IS NON-CONTIGUOUS, OR NOT ANNEXED TO THE CHURCH PROPERTY, WHAT IS THE PURPOSE FOR THE EXEMPTION, AND IS THE PURPOSE FOR A NON-PROFIT "BENEFIT":

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13. IF THE EXEMPTION CLAIM IS FOR A NON-PROFIT, PLEASE PROVIDE THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE'S (IRS) EXEMPTION LETTER OR PROVIDE THE IRS EXEMPTION #:

File attached

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14. IS THE NON-PROFIT INCORPORATED: YES NO:

15. IF YES ATTACH COPY OF CHARTER FROM MS SEC OF STATE:

File attached

16. If your organization is receiving rent or some equivalent thereof for use of some or all of the real property for which you are requesting an exemption, please provide the amount of rent collected and what percentage of the property is being rented or leased.

Rent amount: \$900/monthly. Approximately 300sf equating to less than 1/2 of 1% of total property.

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17. If your organization is allowing other groups to use the property for a fee, please provide a detailed description of the groups utilizing the property, the fees associated with that usage, and the estimated percentage of the calendar year when the property is utilized by other organizations.

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18. If your organization provides services for a fee, please describe the fee structure and identify what portion of your clientele (a) pay a reduced fee and/or (b) do not pay any fee for the service.

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19. Review the attached copy of Mississippi statute (Section 27-31-1) and list the specific section of that law that applies to your organization; Section D

20. Please attach or enclose any other information that will support your application for tax exemption status.

Attaching Articles of Incorporation and 2024 Annual Report.

21. SIGNATURES:

The undersigned, individual owner(s) of the property (if a church, the Pastor and one Deacon or business manager), or an authorized officer of the company that owns the property, certifies that to the best of his/her knowledge, that no information contained hereinabove or in the attachments hereto is false in any way, and that all information is truly descriptive of the property and the development for which this application for tax exemption is being submitted .

**OWNER OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Applicant (Church)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deacon or Business Manager

OR

\_\_\_\_\_  
Goodwill Industries of Mississippi Inc.  
Name of Company or Organization

\_\_\_\_\_  
President & CEO  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
601-559-2851

Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bsteffani@goodwillms.org  
Email Address

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*Bradley Stitt*  
Signature of Authorized Representative

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6/18/2026  
Date

Note: Properties with approved tax exemptions do not need to re-file each year, unless there is a change in the use or ownership of the property. If there is any deed activity, an updated application must be re-filed with the County. If any additional real property is acquired, an application will need to be filed for the additional property.

Internal Revenue Service

Department of the Treasury

strict Director

Returns Program Management  
Staff - Taxpayer Assistance  
P.O. Box 1055 - Room 1109  
401 West Peachtree St., NW  
Atlanta, GA 30370

Date: SEP 26 1991

Date of Inquiry:  
07/31/91  
Refer Reply To:  
RPM:EQ:TPA  
EIN:  
64-0362410

Goodwill Industries OF  
Mississippi Inc  
911 Palmyra Street  
Jackson, MS 39203

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your request for confirmation of your exemption from Federal income tax.

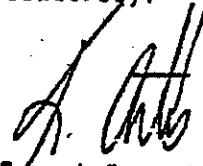
You were recognized as an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code by our letter of April 1958. You were further determined not to be a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are an organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) and 509(a)(1).

Contributions to you are deductible as provided in section 170 of the Code.

The tax exempt status recognized by our letter referred to above is currently in effect and will remain in effect until terminated, modified or revoked by the Internal Revenue Service. Any change in your purposes, character, or method of operation must be reported to us so we may consider the effect of the change on your exempt status. You must also report any change in your name and address.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Exempt Organizations Coordinator

# The State of Mississippi

EXECUTIVE



OFFICE

JACKSON

The within and foregoing Charter of Incorporation of

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF MISSISSIPPI, INCORPORATED

is hereby approved.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

this \_\_\_\_\_ Ninth \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
September 19 55



THE CHARTER OF INCORPORATION

OF

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF MISSISSIPPI, INCORPORATED

ARTICLE I.

The corporate title of this association is:

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF MISSISSIPPI, INCORPORATED

ARTICLE II.

The names and post office addresses of the incorporators are:

NAMES:

Dr. Helen C. Bernfield

Kate Lou Lord

Mrs. Iris Hood

POST OFFICE ADDRESSES:

V. A. Center, Jackson, Mississippi

703 North Street, Jackson,  
Mississippi

1013 Raymond Road, Jackson,  
Mississippi

ARTICLE III.

The domicile of the corporation is: Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi.

ARTICLE IV.

This corporation shall be a non profit and non share association and will have no authorized capital stock, and, therefore, there will be no classes or types thereof.

ARTICLE V.

As this is a non profit and non share association and as indicated above there will be no stock, there is no sale price of such.

ARTICLE VI.

The period of existence of this association shall be and is perpetual; however, the charter thereof shall be subject at all times to alteration, amendment

ARTICLE VII.

vocational, and economic development of which they are capable.  
To promote recreation, sports, social fellowship and companionship among the handicapped, the disabled and the disadvantaged.

To forward and promote the health, morale and general welfare and happiness of the handicapped, the disabled and the disadvantaged, and to improve the social and business relations of the handicapped, the disabled and the disadvantaged.

To provide vocational training in skills and industrial activities.  
To provide employment training and education to help handicapped persons gain experience in industrial operations.

To provide work experience to help handicapped persons develop work habits and become accustomed to regular production activities and the problems to be met in commercial employment.

To provide occupation and work therapy to help handicapped persons adjust physical strengths and mental attitudes so that they may be advanced into a regular training program.

To provide pre-training service for more seriously handicapped persons to determine whether they may be expected to qualify for regular industrial activities either in commercial industry or in sheltered employment.

To provide guidance, adjustment, social and recreational services, and self-expression opportunities to assist handicapped persons to meet their social and other problems.

To provide temporary employment which will give work experience, earned income and morale stabilization to handicapped persons pending their placement in regular industry.

To provide longer periods of employment for persons for whom commercial or self-employment is not immediately available, but who will benefit from time to time.

ment, machinery, facilities, manufacturing devices or repairing equipment necessary or proper for the carrying out of the purposes of this association; and to construct, erect, equip and maintain the necessary facilities, building and equipment for the use, benefit, employment, training, rehabilitation and opportunities of the handicapped, the disabled and the disadvantaged and under such terms and conditions and subject to such rules, regulations and restrictions as the proper designated officers of the association may from time to time determine

To manufacture, repair, clean, recondition, fabricate, purchase, receive by gift or donation, or otherwise acquire, own, mortgage, pledge, sell, assign, and transfer, or otherwise dispose of, to invest, trade, deal in and deal with, goods wares, and merchandise and materials of every kind and description, whether now known or hereafter to be discovered or invented, necessary or proper for the carrying out of the purposes of this association.

To engage in any commercial or industrial enterprise calculated or designed to the carrying out the purposes of this association.

To engage in the business of conducting and operating stores and outlets for the sale of goods, wares and merchandise and materials of every kind and description so manufactured, repaired, cleaned, reconditioned, fabricated, developed, invented, acquired, owned, purchased, held, donated, dealt in, or dealt with, necessary or proper for the carrying out of the purposes of this association.

To publish and circulate news bulletins pertaining to the education, employment, training, rehabilitation and other affairs of the handicapped, the disabled and the disadvantaged.

To select certain handicapped, disabled and disadvantaged persons for education, employment, training and rehabilitation.

To assist in any and all matters relating to the welfare, advancement and growth of the handicapped, the disabled and the disadvantaged, and to assist in the attainment of the purposes of this association.

ARTICLE IX.

This association shall issue no shares of stock. It shall divide no dividends or profits among its members. Expulsion shall be the only remedy for non-payment of dues. Each member of this association shall be vested with the right to one vote in the election of all officers. The loss of membership, by death or otherwise, shall result in the termination of all interest of such member in the assets of the association. There shall be no individual liability against any member for the debts of the association, but the entire association property shall be liable for the claims of creditors.

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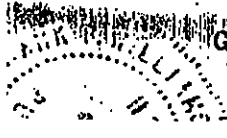
INCORPORATORS

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HINDS

This day personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for said State and County, the within named Dr. Helen C. Bernfield, incorporator of the non share corporation known as Goodwill Industries of Mississippi, Incorporated, who acknowledged that she signed, executed and delivered the above and foregoing Articles of Incorporation as her act and deed on the day and year there-  
in mentioned.

Given under my hand and official seal this 6th day of September 1955



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Given under my hand and official seal this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September August, A. D., 1955

Frank T. Williams  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 2/9/59



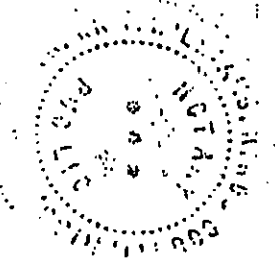
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
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This day personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for said State and County, the within named Mrs. Iris Hood, incorporator of the non share corporation known as Goodwill Industries of Mississippi, Incorporated, who acknowledged that she signed, executed and delivered the above and foregoing Articles of Incorporation as her act and deed on the day and year therein mentioned.

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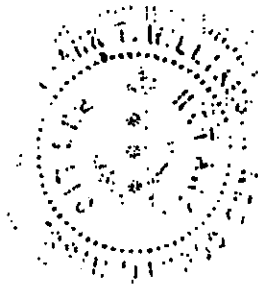
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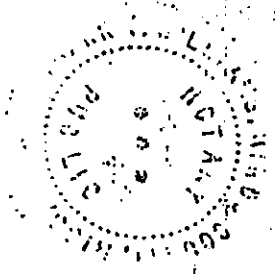
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Received at the office of the Secretary of State, this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September  
A. D., 1955, together with the sum of \$ 10.00 deposited to cover the recording fee, and  
referred to the Attorney General for his opinion.

Helen L. Adams  
SECRETARY OF STATE

Jackson, Miss.,

September 8, 1955

I have examined this \_\_\_\_\_ charter of incorporation,  
and am of the opinion that it is not violative of the Constitution and laws of this State, or of the  
United States.

J. P. Coleman  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

By Dugan Shanks  
Assistant Attorney General