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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI *P.W. Williams* D.C.
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CITY OF CLARKSDALE

PETITIONER

VS.

CAUSE NO.: 25CH1:25-cv-00152M/4

**DELTA PRESS PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC. D/B/A/
THE CLARKSDALE PRESS REGISTER, EMMERICH
NEWSPAPERS, INC., AND FLOYD INGRAM, INDIVIDUALLY
AND AS PUBLISHER OF THE CLARKSDALE PRESS REGISTER**

RESPONDENTS

**ORDER GRANTING TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER
AND SETTING HEARING FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

THIS MATTER having come before this Court on the verified Petition of the City of Clarksdale requesting a temporary restraining order or a hearing on a preliminary injunction and after review of the verified Petition and Attorney Certification, the Court finds that the Petition is well taken. The injury in this case is defamation against public figures through actual malice in reckless disregard of the truth and interferes with their legitimate function to advocate for legislation they believe would help their municipality during this current legislative cycle. The Respondents are well aware of the accusations against them as they have already received a draft of the verified Petition and further notice is not needed until such hearing. The Temporary Restraining Order for Respondents to remove the article "EDITORIAL: SECRECY AND DECEPTION ERODE PUBLIC TRUST" from their online portals and make it inaccessible to the public is hereby granted. Petitioner shall post a bond in the amount of \$100.00 as security for

any damages that Defendant may incur should it be determined that this Temporary Restraining Order was wrongfully issued. This Court further orders that a hearing on the City of Clarksdale's request for a preliminary injunction is hereby set for February 27, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

SO ORDERED, on this, the 18th day of February, 2025 at 1:50 p.m.


CRYSTAL WISE MARTIN, Chancellor