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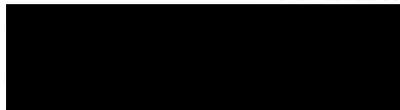
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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL



Re: City of Hoover

Dear 

On February 24, 2016 my Office received your petition under Ala. Code §13A-11-61.3 regarding a possible violation of Alabama law by the City of Hoover. Specifically, you alleged that the Moss Rock Preserve, Hoover Park and Recreation Facility, Hoover Public Library, and Hoover Municipal Center posted signs prohibiting firearms.

My Office's investigation confirmed that the City of Hoover posted the signs. I asked the City of Hoover to explain its legal justification for prohibiting weapons in these buildings. The City of Hoover reviewed a redacted copy of your petition and the relevant portions of Alabama law and agreed that the signs posted at the Moss Rock Preserve and the Hoover Public Library were not compliant with state law and removed these signs. Because the City of Hoover is compliant with Alabama law, I have determined that there is no further action required under Ala. Code § 13A-11-61.3.

The investigation also confirmed that the City of Hoover posted the signs at the Hoover Park and Recreation Facility and the Hoover Municipal Center. The City of Hoover confirmed that the signs at the Hoover Park and Recreation Facility remain because there are physical barriers, guards, and controlled access to the facility. *See* Ala. Code § 13A-11-61.2(b). The facility is a controlled access facility for members and approved guests and may prohibit firearms. The City of Hoover may also continue to prohibit firearms at the Hoover Municipal Center because of the presence of a police station "inside the building." Ala. Code § 13A-11-61.2(a)(1). Because the City of Hoover has authority under Ala. Code § 13A-11-61.2 to prohibit firearms at the Hoover Park and Recreation Facility and the Hoover Municipal Building, I have determined that there is no further action required under Ala. Code § 13A-11-61.3.

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A redacted copy of this letter will be posted to my Office's website, in compliance with the statutory requirement under Ala. Code § 13A-11-61.3(f)(3).

Sincerely,



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