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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL



Re: City of Bessemer

Dear [REDACTED]

On August 25, 2016 my Office received your petitions under Ala. Code §13A-11-61.3 regarding a possible violation of Alabama law by the City of Bessemer. Specifically, you alleged that the City posted signs prohibiting firearms at the Bessemer Public Library, as well as prohibiting firearms at City parks through Municipal Code 82-26.

I asked the City of Bessemer to explain its legal justification for prohibiting weapons. The City of Bessemer reviewed redacted copies of your petitions and the relevant portions of Alabama law and removed the signs posted at the Bessemer Public Library. In addition, the City stated that it has not enforced the ordinance prohibiting firearms in parks within the city limits and that it will "not enforce the ordinance in the future."

Because the City of Bessemer has removed the sign and has promised this office not to enforce the ordinance, I have determined that there is no further action required under Ala. Code § 13A-11-61.3.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luther Strange".

Luther Strange
Attorney General

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