



2017-017

STATE OF ALABAMA
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

STEVEN T. MARSHALL
ATTORNEY GENERAL

501 WASHINGTON AVENUE
P.O. BOX 300152
MONTGOMERY, AL 36130-0152
(334) 242-7300
WWW.AGO.ALABAMA.GOV

May 24, 2017



Re: City of Hoover - Hoover Public Library



On March 17, 2017, my Office received your petition regarding a possible violation of Ala. Code §13A-11-61.3 by the City of Hoover. Specifically, you alleged that the Hoover Public Library does not search visitors and that the library does not have a physical barrier as required by Ala. Code § 13A-11-61.2(b).

My Office's investigation confirmed that the City of Hoover prohibits firearms at the Hoover Public Library. I asked the City of Hoover to explain its legal justification for prohibiting firearms at the Hoover Public Library. The City of Hoover reviewed a redacted copy of your petition and the relevant portions of Alabama law. The City of Hoover explained that access to the library is limited during normal hours of operation by the continuous posting of a Hoover Police Department officer, that a security desk is placed near the entrance, and that a sign is posted at the entrance to notify the public that firearms are prohibited. These conditions allow the library to prohibit the possession of firearms under Ala. Code § 13A-11-61.2(b).

Accordingly, 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 requirements under Ala. Code § 13A-11-61.3(f)(3).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven T. Marshall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Steven" is followed by a stylized "T" and then the last name "Marshall".

Steven T. Marshall
Attorney General

STM/RWS/as
2331509/182001