

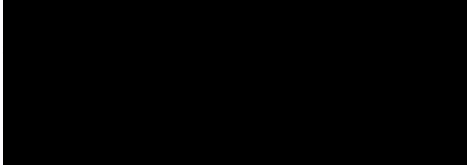
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Re: City of Pelham – Pelham Recreation Center

Dear [REDACTED]:

On June 08, 2018, my Office received your petition regarding a possible violation of Ala. Code §13A-11-61.3 by the City of Pelham – Pelham Recreational Center. Specifically, you alleged that the City of Pelham posted signs that unlawfully prohibited firearms at the Pelham Recreation Center while it served as a polling place.

I asked the City of Pelham to explain its legal justification for prohibiting firearms at the Pelham Recreational Center while it served as a polling place. After reviewing a redacted copy of your petition and the relevant portions of Alabama law, the City of Pelham stated that the signs prohibiting firearms were posted by mistake. The Pelham Recreation Center is a new polling location. The previous polling location was on private property and could prohibit firearms. Polling officials at the Pelham Recreational Center mistakenly used polling supplies from the previous location, including signs that prohibited firearms. The oversight has now been brought to the City of Pelham's attention. It should be noted that the remedies (declarative and injunctive relief) afforded to the Attorney General's Office by the Alabama firearms law cannot be used to fine or otherwise punish the City of Pelham for its past conduct in this matter.

Because the City of Pelham is compliant with Alabama law going forward, 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 furtherance of the statutory requirements under Ala. Code § 13A-11-61.3(f)(3).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Marshall". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Steve Marshall
Attorney General

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