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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Re: City of Dothan – Baumans Pond Park, Ramsey Park, and the Rip Hewes Athletic Complex

Dear [REDACTED]:

On December 21, 2023, I received your petition regarding a possible violation of section 13A-11-61.3 of the Code of Alabama by the City of Dothan ("City"). Specifically, you alleged that the City posted signs at Baumans Pond Park, Ramsey Park, and the Rip Hewes Athletic Complex that prohibit firearms in violation of state law.

My Office's investigation confirmed that the City posted the signs. I asked the City to explain its legal justification for prohibiting firearms. The City reviewed a redacted copy of your petition and the relevant portions of Alabama law. The City explained that the signs were posted in 2013, and the City provided this Office with documentation that the signs posted at Baumans Pond Park and Ramsey Park were due to be removed in 2016. The signs that you identified at Baumans Pond Park and Ramsey Park were left up in error. The signs have now been removed. The City also removed the sign prohibiting firearms near the old tennis courts at the Rip Hewes Athletic Complex that you identified in your petition. In addition, the City conducted a search and removed more signs that were inadvertently left up at other facilities.

Because the City is compliant with Alabama law, I have determined that there is no further action required under section 13A-11-61.3 of the Code. A redacted copy of this letter will be posted to my Office's website, in furtherance of the statutory requirement under section 13A-11-61.3(f)(3) of the Code.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Marshall".

Steve Marshall
Attorney General

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