



**FIREARMS DETERMINATION
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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL



***Re: City of Opelika – Wood Duck Nature Preserve & Pepperell
Branch-Waverly Trail***

Dear [REDACTED]:

On July 16, 2026, my Office received your petition under section 13A-11-61.3 of the Code of Alabama regarding a possible violation of Alabama law by the City of Opelika. Specifically, you alleged that the City of Opelika posted signs at Wood Duck Nature Preserve and Pepperell Branch-Waverly Trail that prohibit firearms.

My Office's investigation confirmed that signs prohibiting firearms were posted at Wood Duck Nature Preserve and Pepperell Branch-Waverly Trail. I asked the City of Opelika to explain its legal justification for prohibiting firearms. After reviewing a redacted copy of your petition and the relevant portions of Alabama law, the City of Opelika removed or redacted the signs prohibiting firearms at Wood Duck Nature Preserve and Pepperell Branch-Waverly Trail.

Because the City of Opelika 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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