



# Huntsville, Alabama

305 Fountain Circle  
Huntsville, AL 35801

## Cover Memo

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**Meeting Type:** City Council Regular Meeting **Meeting Date:** 6/12/2025

**File ID:** TMP-5574

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**Department:** General Services

**Subject:**

**Type of Action:** Approval/Action

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the First Amendment to the Lease Agreement Between Norfolk Southern Railway Company, and the City of Huntsville, Alabama for a portion of property.

Resolution No.

**Finance Information:**

**Account Number:** 1000-14-14300-515460

**City Cost Amount:** \$55,000.00

**Total Cost:** \$55,000.00 per year

**Special Circumstances:**

**Grant Funded:** No

**Grant Title - CFDA or granting Agency:** N/A

**Resolution #:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Location: (list below)**

**Address:**

**District:** District 1 ☐ District 2 ☐ District 3 ☐ District 4 ☐ District 5 ☐

**Additional Comments:**

This is for the site of the Cleveland Avenue warehouse, commencing on October 1, 2025 and paid quarterly.

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-\_\_**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the Mayor be, and is hereby authorized to execute the First Amendment to Lease Agreement Between Norfolk Southern Railway Company, and the City of Huntsville, Alabama for Lease of the Property Located in Huntsville, Alabama, dated May 6, 2013 as adopted by the City Council of the City of Huntsville by Resolution No. 13-257, which said agreement in words and figures similar to that certain document attached hereto and identified as "First Amendment to Lease Agreement between Norfolk Southern Railway Company of Virginia and the City of Huntsville." consisting of five (5) pages and the date of June 12, 2025, appearing on the first page, together with the signature of the President or President Pro-Tem of the City Council, an executed copy of said document being permanently kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

**ADOPTED** this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

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President of the City Council of  
The City of Huntsville, Alabama

**ADOPTED** this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville,  
Alabama

## FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT (this "**Amendment**"), effective date of which shall be the date last executed, below, by and between **NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY**, a(n) **VIRGINIA** corporation (the "**Landlord**") and **CITY OF HUNTSVILLE**, a(n) **ALABAMA**, GOVERNMENT ENTITY (the "**Tenant**").

### W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, Landlord and Tenant entered into that certain Lease Agreement dated as last amended on May 6, 2013, (as amended, the "**Lease**"), for real property located at Milepost 338.85-A in HUNTSVILLE, MADISON County, ALABAMA, having an area of 0.63 acres/square feet, more or less (the "**Premises**");

WHEREAS, Landlord and Tenant desire to execute this Amendment to modify the rental payable by Tenant under the Lease and to make certain other changes to the Lease as hereinafter stated, with the Lease and the Amendment.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Lease is hereby amended, and the parties hereto do agree as follows:

**1. Adjustment of Base Rental.** Commencing on October 1, 2025 (the "**Commencement Date**"), Tenant shall pay unto Landlord, without offset, abatement or demand, base rental in the amount of **Fifty Five Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$55,500.00) per annum, payable quarterly**, in advance. Commencing on the first anniversary of the Commencement Date and thereafter on each anniversary thereof during the term of the Lease, the amount of the base rental shall be increased (and not decreased) on an annual basis by the percentage of increase, if any, in the United States, Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)(1982-1984 = 100) U.S. City Average, All Items (the "**Index**") as set forth below. If the Index has changed so that the base year differs from that used in this Paragraph, the Index shall be converted in accordance with the conversion factor published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, to the 1982-84 base. If the Index is discontinued or revised during the term of the Lease, such other government index or computation with which it is replaced shall be used in order to obtain substantially the same result as would be obtained if the Index had not been discontinued or revised. The "**Adjustment Date**" shall mean the first anniversary of the Commencement Date and each anniversary thereof during the term of the Lease. The Index published nearest to the Commencement Date shall be the "**Base Index**". The Index published nearest to the date three (3) months prior to the then current Adjustment Date shall be the "**Adjustment Index**". On each Adjustment Date, the base rental shall be adjusted by multiplying the base rental payable under the Lease at the Commencement Date by a fraction, the numerator of which fraction is the applicable Adjustment Index and the denominator of which fraction is the Base Index. The amount so determined shall be the base rental payable under the Lease beginning on the applicable Adjustment Date and until the next Adjustment Date (if any).

**2. Renewal of Term.** To have and to hold for a term beginning October 1, 2025, and continuing thereafter on a periodic basis. In addition to any termination rights that the parties may have hereunder, either party may terminate this Lease for any reason by giving the other party not less

than sixty (60) days' notice of such termination. Any such termination pursuant to the preceding sentence shall not relieve Tenant from satisfying and performing all of its obligations hereunder (including, but not limited to, the payment of rental) through the date of such termination and shall not relieve either party from performing any obligation that, pursuant to the terms of the Lease, survives the termination of the Lease.

**3. Insurance.** Tenant shall procure and maintain, at all times and at its expense, in a form and with an insurance company acceptable to Landlord, Commercial General Liability Insurance for the Premises. Such coverage shall (a) have a single limit of not less than \$2,000,000.00 for each occurrence (or such greater amount over time so as to be commercially reasonable) and shall provide for a deductible of not more than \$5,000.00, (b) cover Tenant's contractual liability hereunder, (c) cover Tenant and Landlord for liability arising out of work performed by any third parties for Tenant in or about the Premises, (d) name the Landlord Entities as additional insureds, and (e) be considered primary and noncontributory, regardless of any insurance carried by Landlord. Any property insurance maintained by Tenant on its furniture, fixtures, equipment and personal property shall include a waiver of subrogation in favor of Landlord. Tenant shall deliver certificates of insurance evidencing the insurance required hereinabove to Landlord simultaneously with the execution of this Lease by Tenant, which certificates shall reflect that the policies shall not be canceled without at least thirty (30) days prior notice to Landlord. If Tenant fails to obtain the necessary coverages, Landlord may do so at Tenant's expense and the same shall constitute additional rental. All insurance certificates should be delivered to Landlord's Risk Management Department, 650 W Peachtree St NW, Atlanta, GA 30308, simultaneously with the execution of this Lease by Tenant. The minimum limits of insurance provided for hereunder are not intended to be a limitation on the liability of Tenant hereunder and shall not waive Landlord's right to seek a full recovery from Tenant.

**4. Notice.** Any notice given pursuant to the Lease shall be in writing and sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, by hand delivery or by reputable overnight courier to:

(a) Landlord: c/o Director Real Estate, Norfolk Southern Corporation, 650 W Peachtree St NW, Atlanta, GA 30308 or at such other address as Landlord may designate in writing to Tenant.

(b) Tenant: 401 FRANKLIN STREET HUNTSVILLE, AL 35801, or at such other address as Tenant may designate in writing to Landlord.

Any notice sent in the manner set forth above shall be deemed delivered three (3) days after said notice is deposited in the mail if sent by certified mail (return receipt requested), or upon receipt if sent by hand delivery or reputable overnight courier. Any change of notice address by either party shall be delivered to the other party by the manner of notice required hereby.

**5. Ratification; Successors and Assigns.** Landlord and Tenant acknowledge and agree that the Lease, as amended by this Amendment, is hereby ratified and confirmed and in full force and effect. This Amendment shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

**6. Signature.** The parties agree that if an authorized officer of a party fully signs this Agreement in the appropriate location(s) below and then returns that signature to the other party via electronic means with a pdf or similar scanned copy of that signature, then that scanned signature shall serve as that party's signature for the Agreement, and, upon full execution of the Agreement by

all parties, shall create a legally binding Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Amendment in duplicate, each part being an original, as of the date last executed below.

Witness As To Landlord:

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Name:

**LANDLORD:**  
**NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY**  
**COMPANY**

a(n) VIRGINIA corporation

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Landlord Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness As To Landlord:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:

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Witness As To Tenant:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:

**TENANT:**  
**CITY OF HUNTSVILLE**  
a(n) ALABAMA GOVERNMENT ENTITY

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Tenant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness As To Tenant:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:

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Form Amendment – Rental, Insurance and Notice (NS) 214854v1

**Exhibit A**

