



Huntsville, Alabama

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Huntsville, AL 35801

Cover Memo

Meeting Type: City Council Regular Meeting **Meeting Date:** 2/12/2026

File ID: TMP-6517

Department: City Council

Subject:

Type of Action: Approval/Action

Ordinance naming the new Arboretum at John Hunt Park the “Joy McKee Arboretum”. (Introduced on January 22, 2026, Regular Council Meeting)

Ordinance No. 26-87

Finance Information:

Account Number: NA

City Cost Amount: NA

Total Cost: NA

Special Circumstances:

Grant Funded: NA

Grant Title - CFDA or granting Agency: NA

Resolution #: NA

Location: (list below)

Address: John Hunt Park

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

Additional Comments:

ORDINANCE NO. 26- ____

WHEREAS, the City of Huntsville, Alabama, is constructing a 3-acre arboretum in John Hunt Park that will expand educational and recreational opportunities in the City; and

WHEREAS Joy McKee served our community and the City of Huntsville for 22 years, culminating her career as the Director of the Landscape Management Department where she led efforts to substantially expand the City’s natural public spaces, tree canopy, and nature-based recreation and educational offerings; and

WHEREAS Ms. McKee served for 28 years on the board of Operation Green Team and 26 years on the City’s Beautification Board thereby successfully leading efforts to improve environmental conservation and beauty throughout the Huntsville area; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, desires to name the arboretum in honor of Joy McKee to recognize her contributions to the City of Huntsville community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that, upon the completion of the arboretum, the said facility located at the intersection of Airport Road and Alex McAllister Drive SW and bound on the north and west sides by the Loretta P. Spencer Sports Complex shall be officially known as the “Joy McKee Arboretum”.

ADOPTED this the ____ day of ____, 2026.

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

APPROVED this the ____ day of ____, 2026.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama