



Huntsville, Alabama

305 Fountain Circle
Huntsville, AL 35801

Cover Memo

Meeting Type: City Council Regular Meeting **Meeting Date:** 9/11/2025

File ID: TMP-5921

Department: Administration

Subject:

Type of Action: Introduction

Introduction of an Ordinance to adopt the City of Huntsville annual budget for fiscal year 2026 beginning October 1, 2025.

Ordinance No.

Finance Information:

Account Number: Various account numbers.

City Cost Amount: \$ Various amounts.

Total Cost: \$ Various amounts.

Special Circumstances:

Grant Funded: \$ N/A

Grant Title - CFDA or granting Agency: N/A

Resolution #: N/A

Location: (list below)

Address: N/A

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

Additional Comments:

ORDINANCE NO. 25-____

**BUDGET ORDINANCE
CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA
FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, The Budget of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, for the fiscal year 2025-2026, is hereby adopted, as follows:

- A. The budgets for the various funds of the City are attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof by reference.
- B. The agency appropriations listings are attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and made a part hereof by reference.
- C. The authorized strength of each department of the City is hereby determined to be that shown on Exhibit "C" attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.
- D. That, as an additional benefit to all eligible employees, a longevity banquet in fiscal year 2025-2026, for all regular, full-time employees who, between January 1 and December 31 of the year in which such banquet is scheduled, have been employed by the City for exactly 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50 years, is hereby authorized.
- E. That in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), encumbrances outstanding as of September 30th shall lapse, and require re-appropriation in the next fiscal year.
- F. That it is hereby, the stated policy and goal of the City of Huntsville to maintain at all times a General Fund undesignated fund balance, determined according to generally accepted accounting principles, of at least 11.5% of the General Fund operating revenue budget, exclusive of grants.
- G. That, unless otherwise required by State law or by resolution or ordinance duly adopted by the City Council, the Finance Director is hereby authorized to authorize and make payment of an expenditure/expense provided that the expenditure/expense is from an appropriation within a budget duly adopted by the City Council as provided for herein or as subsequently amended and in accordance with proper accounting, policies and internal controls. Furthermore, the Finance Director is hereby directed to present a report of expenditures paid to the City Council Finance Committee chairman, who shall submit same for approval by the City Council at its regularly scheduled meetings.

ORDINANCE 25-____

- H. That the Finance Director is hereby authorized, without further action by the City Council, to make budget amendments to the expenditure accounts in the General Fund Revolving Revenue Fund, but only in an amount that does not exceed the revenue received in the fund in each of the revenue accounts that are associated with such expenditure accounts.
- I. That the Finance Director is hereby authorized, without further action by the City Council to set managerial budgets for other funds not listed in this ordinance. That the managerial budgets will be included in the proposed budget document. That those funds will be operated through these managerial budgets in accordance with current policy and procedures and presented appropriately in interim reports. Any changes to these budgets will be reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee. The City Council will be notified of changes approved promptly.
- J. That the Finance Director is hereby authorized, without further action by the City Council, to make budget amendments to appropriate revenue and expenditure accounts for donations, debt issuance and grants in total amount as they are accepted, adopted or approved by the City Council at a regular City Council meeting.
- K. That the Finance Director is hereby authorized, without further action by the City Council, upon approval of the Mayor, to make budget amendments between personnel, operational and capital accounts within a single department of any (one) single fund.
- L. That the Finance Director is hereby authorized, without further action by the City Council, to make budget amendments to authorized strength as personnel actions are accepted, adopted or approved by the City Council at a regular City Council meeting.

ADOPTED this the 11th day of September, 2025.

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

APPROVED this the 11th day of September, 2025.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

City of Huntsville
Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2025
Revenues and Expenses/Expenditures - Exhibit A
General Fund

| REVENUE SOURCE | Proposed FY 2026 \$ |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| SALES TAX | 138,380,000 |
| USE TAX | 28,630,000 |
| SIMPLIFIED SELLERS USE TAX (SSUT) | 20,750,000 |
| PILOT REVENUE | 34,892,106 |
| PROPERTY TAXES | 35,535,573 |
| LICENSE FEES | 30,150,000 |
| PERMIT FEES | 7,429,000 |
| ALL OTHER REVENUE | <u>40,102,000</u> |
| Total Revenue | 335,868,679 |

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General Fund

| Departments | Personnel | Operations | Capital | Total |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| ADMINISTRATION | 3,279,680 | 305,763 | - | 3,585,443 |
| ANIMAL SERVICES | 3,169,268 | 749,222 | - | 3,918,490 |
| CEMETERY | 1,477,803 | 365,197 | - | 1,843,000 |
| CITY CLERK | 1,006,308 | 1,234,220 | - | 2,240,528 |
| CITY COUNCIL | 521,910 | 136,000 | - | 657,910 |
| CODE ENFORCEMENT | 2,007,609 | 183,706 | - | 2,191,315 |
| ENGINEERING | 3,969,148 | 135,236 | - | 4,104,384 |
| FINANCE | 6,432,617 | 599,000 | - | 7,031,617 |
| FIRE & RESCUE | 60,174,685 | 3,862,331 | 1,519,000 | 65,556,016 |
| FLEET SERVICES | 5,090,172 | 5,200,319 | 104,000 | 10,394,491 |
| GENERAL OPERATIONS | 2,225,000 | 3,761,404 | - | 5,986,404 |
| GENERAL SERVICES | 6,294,796 | 13,672,867 | - | 19,967,663 |
| HUMAN RESOURCES | 2,095,752 | 2,623,325 | - | 4,719,077 |
| INSPECTION | 4,086,260 | 130,873 | - | 4,217,133 |
| ITS | 5,300,037 | 10,012,548 | 4,284,782 | 19,597,367 |
| LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT | 15,255,456 | 6,510,490 | 115,000 | 21,880,946 |
| LEGAL | 3,177,474 | 2,355,000 | - | 5,532,474 |
| MUNICIPAL COURT | 4,980,176 | 904,317 | 20,000 | 5,904,493 |
| NATURAL RESOURCES | 1,132,017 | 56,522 | 85,000 | 1,273,539 |
| PARKING | 2,266,802 | 1,199,133 | 223,000 | 3,688,935 |
| PARKS & RECREATION | 12,746,271 | 897,600 | - | 13,643,871 |
| PLANNING | 4,997,339 | 797,450 | 20,000 | 5,814,789 |
| POLICE | 71,307,061 | 5,491,715 | 3,782,669 | 80,581,445 |
| PUBLIC WORKS | 13,163,851 | 1,578,551 | 22,500 | 14,764,902 |
| TRAFFIC ENGINEERING | 4,382,717 | 662,665 | 31,500 | 5,076,882 |
| Total | 240,540,209 | 63,425,455 | 10,207,451 | 314,173,115 |

| Departments | Appropriations | Intergovernmental | Transfers | Total |
|------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------|------------|
| GENERAL EXPENSES | 3,362,411 | 12,255,023 | 13,932,554 | 29,549,988 |

Grand Total Expenditures 343,723,103

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Other Funds

| | Revenues | Expenditures |
|---|------------|--------------|
| Liquor and Lodgings Taxes | | |
| Liquor and Lodgings Taxes | 23,489,740 | |
| Agency Appropriations and Intergovernmental Contracts | | 14,800,015 |
| Debt Service | | 5,813,481 |
| Water Pollution Control Fund | | |
| Charges for Services | 53,103,100 | |
| Other Revenues | 2,312,000 | |
| Personnel | | 13,295,329 |
| Operating | | 10,748,510 |
| Capital | | 18,999,631 |
| Debt Service | | 9,279,798 |
| Sanitation | | |
| Charges for Services | 20,138,000 | |
| Personnel | | 11,004,988 |
| Operating | | 9,631,469 |

City of Huntsville
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Agency Appropriations - Exhibit B

| | Proposed FY 2026 |
|--|-----------------------------|
| GENERAL FUND AGENCY APPROPRIATIONS | \$ |
| 100 BLACK MEN OF GREATER HUNTSVILLE, INC. | 10,000 |
| ARTS COUNCIL, INC. (DBA ARTS HUNTSVILLE) | 550,000 |
| BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY | 20,000 |
| BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF NORTH ALABAMA, INC. | 150,000 |
| CHRISTMAS CHARITIES YEAR ROUND | 15,000 |
| COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY PARTNERSHIP | 100,000 |
| COMMUNITY FREE DENTAL CLINIC | 100,000 |
| DOWNTOWN HUNTSVILLE, INC. | 90,000 |
| FAMILY SERVICES, INC. (LIFT HOUSING, INC.) | 10,000 |
| FIRST STOP, INC. | 171,345 |
| FOOD BANK OF NORTH ALABAMA, INC. | 50,000 |
| GIRLS INC. OF HUNTSVILLE | 25,000 |
| GLOBAL TIES ALABAMA | 25,000 |
| HATCH HSV, INC. | 50,000 |
| HEALS, INC. | 35,000 |
| HISTORIC HUNTSVILLE FOUNDATION | 30,000 |
| HUNTSVILLE BALLET ASSOCIATION | 40,000 |
| HUNTSVILLE COMMUNITY WATCH | 20,328 |
| HUNTSVILLE HOSPITAL FOUNDATION | 20,000 |
| HUNTSVILLE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ASSOCIATION | 191,000 |
| HUNTSVILLE-MADISON COUNTY SENIOR CENTER, INC. | 440,000 |
| INVEST NORTHWEST CORPORATION | 50,000 |
| LAND TRUST OF NORTH ALABAMA, INC. | 125,000 |
| LEGACY CENTER, THE | 60,000 |
| LEGAL SERVICES OF ALABAMA | 46,000 |
| MADISON COUNTY 310 BOARD | 40,000 |
| NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER | 50,000 |
| NATIONAL COALITION OF 100 BLACK WOMEN | 10,000 |
| NEW FUTURES, INC. | 40,000 |
| NORTH ALABAMA HOMEBUILDERS ACADEMY | 200,000 |
| NORTH ALABAMA INTERNATIONAL TRADE ASSOCIATION | 35,000 |
| PARTNERSHIP FOR DRUG FREE COMMUNITY, INC. | 91,000 |
| SECOND MILE DEVELOPMENT, INC. | 35,000 |
| SINGING RIVER TRAIL - LAUNCH 2035 | 50,000 |
| SOUTH HUNTSVILLE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (MAIN STREET) | 50,000 |
| UNITED WAY | 50,000 |
| VILLAGE OF PROMISE, INC. | 50,000 |
| WELLSTONE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH | 900,000 |
| YMCA OF METROPOLITAN HUNTSVILLE (H'VILLE CHILD CARE CTR) | 45,000 |
| | 4,069,673 |

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**Proposed
FY 2026**

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| GENERAL FUND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND CONTRACTS | \$ |
| ARTS COUNCIL, INC. (DBA ARTS HUNTSVILLE) @ SANDRA MOON | 60,000 |
| ARTS COUNCIL, INC. (DBA ARTS HUNTSVILLE) CAPITAL | 350,000 |
| ARTS COUNCIL, INC. (DBA ARTS HUNTSVILLE) STAFFING | 172,738 |
| CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF HUNTSVILLE/MADISON CO. | 300,000 |
| HUNTSVILLE CITY SCHOOLS, BOARD OF EDUCATION | 55,000 |
| HUNTSVILLE HOSPITAL | 150,000 |
| HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY | 5,632,023 |
| INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE | 100,000 |
| MADISON COUNTY COMM (JAIL OPERATIONS) | 2,100,000 |
| MADISON COUNTY COMM (NEAVES-DAVIS CENTER FOR CHILDREN) | 873,000 |
| MADISON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT | 1,335,000 |
| NASA/MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER RETIREES ASSOC | 50,000 |
| WELLSTONE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CAPITAL | 200,000 |
| WELLSTONE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH JAIL DIVERSION PROGRAM | 50,000 |
| WELLSTONE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFFING CO-RESPONDER | 120,000 |
| | 11,547,761 |
| LODGING AND LIQUOR TAX FUND APPROPRIATIONS AND CONTRACTS | |
| BURRITT MUSEUM (93-21) | 575,000 |
| EARLYWORKS MUSEUMS | 700,000 |
| FANTASY PLAYHOUSE | 200,000 |
| HUNTSVILLE BOTANICAL GARDENS, INC. (93-21) | 500,000 |
| HUNTSVILLE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU (12-365) | 3,932,855 |
| HUNTSVILLE MUSEUM OF ART (93-21) | 1,200,000 |
| HUNTSVILLE SPORTS COMMISSION (12-365) | 623,501 |
| HUNTSVILLE TENNIS CENTER BOARD OF CONTROL (93-21) | 250,000 |
| LAND TRUST OF NORTH ALABAMA, INC. FACILITIES PROJECT (10-YR) | 200,000 |
| ORION AMPHITHEATER | 1,077,386 |
| U.S. SPACE & ROCKET CENTER FOUNDATION (93-21) | 325,000 |
| VON BRAUN CENTER - CAPITAL (17-456) | 140,300 |
| VON BRAUN CENTER - OPERATING (12-365) | 5,035,973 |
| WEEDEN HOUSE MUSEUM (93-21) | 40,000 |
| | 14,800,015 |
| TOTAL SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS | 30,417,449 |

City of Huntsville
Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2025
Authorized Strength - Exhibit C

| <u>Department</u> | Proposed for FY26 | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------|
| | FT | PT | Total |
| Administration | 23 | 20 | 43 |
| Animal Services | 42 | 4 | 46 |
| Cemetery | 17 | 1 | 18 |
| City Clerk | 12 | 1 | 13 |
| City Council | 8 | 1 | 9 |
| Community Development | 44 | 4 | 48 |
| Emergency Management Agency | 9 | 1 | 10 |
| Engineering | 43 | 5 | 48 |
| Finance | 55 | 2 | 57 |
| Fire & Rescue | 532 | 7 | 539 |
| Fleet Services | 58 | 0 | 58 |
| General Services | 61 | 10 | 71 |
| Human Resources | 19 | 2 | 21 |
| Information Tech Services (ITS) | 50 | 1 | 51 |
| Inspection | 38 | 3 | 41 |
| Landscape Management | 197 | 3 | 200 |
| Legal | 25 | 1 | 26 |
| Municipal Court | 51 | 4 | 55 |
| Natural Resources | 10 | 2 | 12 |
| Parking | 27 | 38 | 65 |
| Parks & Recreation | 153 | 155 | 308 |
| Planning | 45 | 5 | 50 |
| Police | 701 | 169 | 870 |
| Public Transit | 81 | 58 | 139 |
| Public Works (Includes Sanitation) | 313 | 1 | 314 |
| Traffic Engineering | 45 | 3 | 48 |
| Water Pollution Control | 175 | 3 | 178 |
| Grand Total | 2834 | 504 | 3338 |