



Huntsville, Alabama

Cover Memo

Meeting Type: City Council Regular Meeting Meeting Date	: 6/12/2025	File ID: TMP-5587
Department: Planning		
Subject:	Type of Action:	Introduction
Introduction of an ordinance annexing 121.73 acres of land ly Road and west of US Hwy 72 E.	ing on the north and	d south side of Little Cove
Ordinance No.		
Does this item need to be published? Yes		
If yes, please list preferred date(s) of publication: Ordinance:	July 2, 2025	
Finance Information:		
Account Number: n/a		
City Cost Amount: \$ 0		
Total Cost: \$ 0		
Special Circumstances:		
Grant Funded: \$ 0		
Grant Title - CFDA or granting Agency: n/a		
Resolution #: n/a		
Location:		
Address: Little Cove Rd, and McMullen Rd, Gurley, AL 357 District: District 1 □ District 2 □ District 3 □ District	748 trict 4 □ District	5 🗆
Additional Comments:		

ORDINANCE NO. 25-

WHEREAS, Deposit Road, LLC, an Alabama Limited Company, by James R. Hays and John W. Hays, as its Management Committee Managers; The Estate of William Stevens, by Alison L. Stevens, as its Personal Representative; and The Estate of Kelly Virginia Stevens also known as Kelly V. Stevens, by Blake W. Waranch, as its Personal Representative, being the owners, as the term is defined by Section 11-42-20, Code of Alabama 1975, of all the property or territory hereinafter particularly described (which property or territory is hereinafter referred to as "the Property"), filed with the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, a signed and written petition requesting that the Property be annexed to the City of Huntsville, Alabama, which petition is on file with the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, said petition contained the signatures of the owners of the Property, and filed together with said petition was a map showing the relationship of the Property to the corporate limits of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, which map is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Property is contiguous to the present city limits of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and the Property does not lie within the corporate limits or police jurisdiction of any other municipality; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, has determined that it is necessary and proper and in the public interest that the Property be brought within the corporate limits of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and has further determined that all legal requirements for annexing the Property have been met pursuant to Sections 11-42-20 through 11-42-24, Code of Alabama 1975.

NOW, THEREFORE, **BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, as follows:

- 1. That the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama hereby finds that it is necessary and proper and in the public interest that the Property be brought within the corporate limits of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and assents to the annexation of the Property to the City of Huntsville, Alabama;
- 2. That the corporate limits of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, be, and the same are hereby extended and rearranged so as to embrace and include the Property, which is particularly described as follows:

A parcel of land Located in the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 4 South, Range 2 East and in the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and in the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 4 South, Range 2 East of the Huntsville Meridian, Madison County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest Corner of said Section 16; thence South 87 Degrees 59 Minutes 26 Seconds East, 2442.89 feet to the Point of Beginning and lying at the centerline of Little Cove Road (160' Public Right-of-Way); Thence, from the Point of Beginning and leaving the centerline of said Little Cove Road, North 37 Degrees 13 Minutes 48 Seconds East, 12.41 feet to a point; thence North 74 Degrees 56 Minutes 44 Seconds East,

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- 3. That this ordinance shall be published as provided by law, and become effective upon its publication as required by law.
- 4. That the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are hereby authorized, requested, and directed for and on behalf of the governing body of the City to file a description of the property or territory herein annexed in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Madison County, Alabama.

ADOPTED this the	day of _	, 2025.
		President of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.
APPROVED this the day of, 2025.		
		Mayor of the City of Huntsville,

STATE OF ALABAMA)
)
COUNTY OF MADISON)

PETITION FOR ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 11-42-20 THROUGH 11-42-24 INCLUSIVE, CODE OF ALA. 1975 (AS AMENDED)

TO: The City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

FROM: Deposit Road, LLC, an Alabama Limited Company, by James R. Hays and John W. Hays, as its Management Committee Managers; The Estate of William Stevens, by Alison L. Stevens, as its Personal Representative; and The Estate of Kelly Virginia Stevens also known as Kelly V. Stevens, by Blake W. Waranch, as its Personal Representative (hereinafter referred to as "the petitioners")

- A. The Petitioners do hereby sign and file with the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, this written petition requesting that the real property or territory hereinafter described, which real property or territory is hereinafter referred to as "the Property", be annexed to the City of Huntsville, Alabama, under the authority of and pursuant to Sections 11-42-20 through 11-42-24 of the Code of Alabama 1975; and in support thereof do hereby certify as follows:
 - 1. That the Petitioners are the owner of the Property, as the term "owner" is defined by Section 11-42-20, Code of Alabama 1975.
 - 2. That the Property is situated in **Madison County, Alabama**, and is accurately described on the attached Exhibit "A", which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.
 - 3. That the Petitioners have the right and authority to make and file this petition for annexation.
 - 4. That the Property is contiguous to the existing corporate limits of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.
 - 5. That the Property does not lie within the corporate limits or police jurisdiction of any other municipality.
 - 6. That the Petitioners have attached hereto as Exhibit "B", which exhibit is incorporated herein by reference, and filed herewith a map of the Property showing its relationship to the corporate limits of the City of Huntsville, Alabama,

which said map is further identified as being entitled "Little Cove Property to be Annexed."

B. This petition may be signed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same petition.

THE FOREGOING CONSIDERED, we, the Petitioners hereby petition and request that the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, adopt an ordinance assenting to the annexation of the Property to the City of Huntsville, Alabama, all in accordance with the statutes herein provided.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned Petitioners have hereunto subscribed our names as of the 10th 20th day of 10th , 2025.

PETITIONERS:

Deposit Road, LLC, an Alabama Limited Company, by and, as its;; and

James R. Hay

Signature:

Signature:

John W. Hay

As its: Management Committee Managers

The Estate of William Stevens, by, as its

Signature:

Alicon I Stevens

As its: Personal Representative

The Estate of Kelly Virginia Stevens also known as Kelly V. Stevens

Signature:

Blake W. Waranch

As its: Personal Representative

STATE OF Alabama)
COUNTY OF MADISTY)

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that <u>James R. Hays</u>, whose name is signed to the foregoing annexation petition and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this date that, being informed of the contents of said petition, he executed the same voluntarily as of the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal of office, this the Athan day of May 2025.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Expiration Date: 3111

STATE OF AJADAMA)
COUNTY OF MADISON)

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that <u>John W. Hays</u>, whose name is signed to the foregoing annexation petition and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this date that, being informed of the contents of said petition, he executed the same voluntarily as of the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal of office, this the May of May 2025.

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Expiration Date: 3/11/2027

STATE OF <u>Albama</u>)
COUNTY OF MUCHSON)

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that <u>Alison L. Stevens</u>, whose name is signed to the foregoing annexation petition and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this date that, being informed of the contents of said petition, he executed the same voluntarily as of the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal of office, this the 29th day of MW, 2025.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Expiration Date: 10 | 14 | 2028

STATE OF New York)
COUNTY OF <u>knigs</u>)

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that <u>Blake W. Waranch</u>, whose name is signed to the foregoing annexation petition and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this date that, being informed of the contents of said petition, he executed the same voluntarily as of the day the same bears date.

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Given under my hand and official seal of office, this the 30 day of fleeff.

2025.

The same bears date.

Expiration Date:

DIANA FRANCESCHI
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New York
No. 01FR6283237
Qualified in Kings County
Commission Expires June 3, 20

Exhibit "A" (Legal Description of the Property)

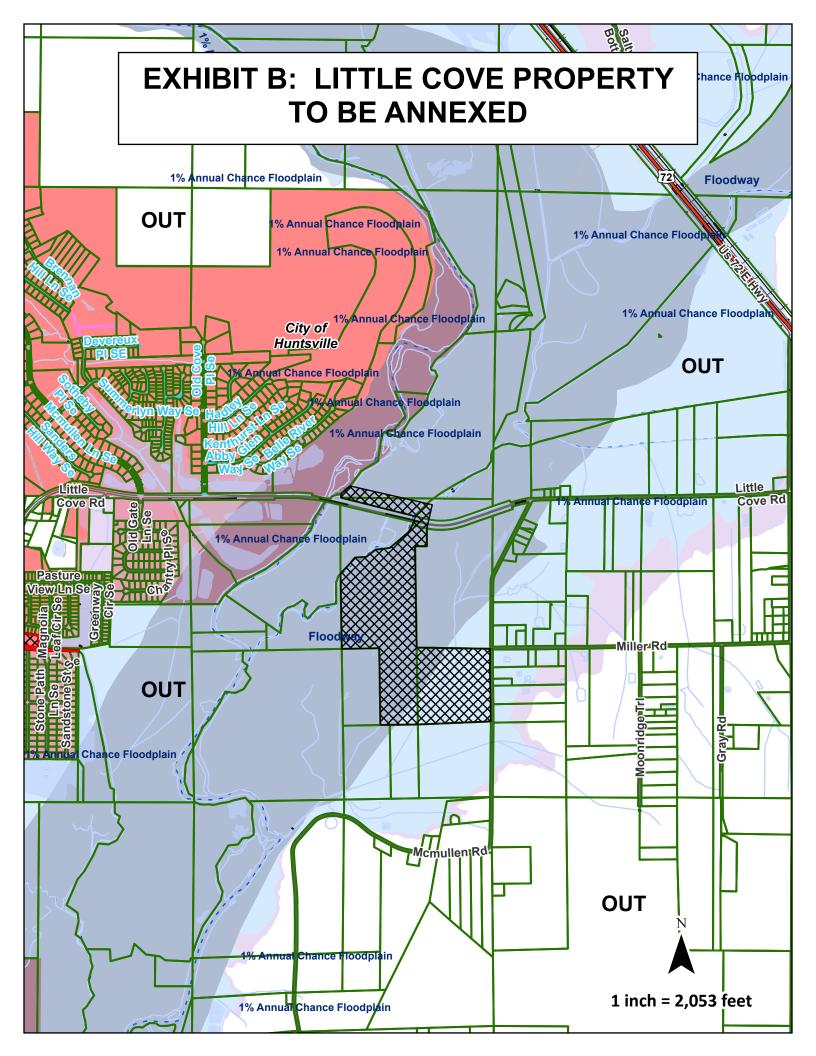
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ANNEXATION SUMMARY: LITTLE COVE

May 7, 2025

PETITIONER: Deposit Road, LLC, an Alabama Limited Company, by James R.

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Personal Representative; and The Estate of Kelly Virginia Stevens also known as Kelly V. Stevens, by Blake W. Waranch, as its

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LOCATION: On the north and south side of Little Cove Road and west of US

Hwy 72 E

Township 4 South, Range 2 East, Section 09 & 16

Little Cove Rd, and McMullen Rd, Gurley, AL 35748

ACREAGE: 121.73 acres

REASON FOR

REQUEST: City Services

ANNEXATION GUIDELINES: LITTLE COVE

1. Annexations that would fill in or make more regular the existing corporate limits should be strongly encouraged.

WOULD CONTINUE ONGOING ANNEXATIONS IN THIS AREA

2. The remaining tax islands should be annexed when ownership changes and redevelopment occurs....

NOT A TAX ISLAND

3. Annexations of land in subdivisions....

NOT PART OF A SUBDIVISION

4. Corridors are discouraged....

NOT A CORRIDOR

5. Point-to-point annexations should be discouraged....

NOT A POINT-TO-POINT CONNECTION

6. Owners living on land expected to be annexed within the ninety-day period preceding a municipal election....

NO MUNICIPAL ELECTION AT TIME OF ANNEXATION

7. Land which is known to be contaminated should not be annexed until such danger has been mitigated.

NO KNOWN CONTAMINATION

8. The annexation of land that would contribute to the city's economic development through an increase in taxes....

RESIDENTIAL LAND

9. The city should require petitions for annexation referenda to satisfy additional conditions....

NOT A REFERENDA

10. City planners will explain to all annexation petitioners the policies under which services are provided.

CITY OWNED PROPERTY

STATEMENT REGARDING PROVISION OF CITY SERVICES TO NEWLY ANNEXED LANDS

City services will be provided to all newly annexed lands according to the same policies that already govern in Huntsville. This means that Huntsville police and fire departments will respond to calls; garbage and trash will be collected by city sanitation; and school children will attend city rather than county schools. Transportation for students attending the city schools will be the responsibility of their parents. All applicable city ordinances will be enforced including the implementation of zoning regulations. Please note that the National agency that established the rating schedule for fire insurance premiums (ISO) assigns a higher rate to property that is over 5 road miles from their responding fire station and/or over 1000 feet from a fire hydrant.

Water service is provided by Huntsville Utilities; however if the annexed land is already served by another water authority, the existing situation should be expected to continue until such time as development pressure or legal agreements between water authorities makes it feasible or possible for Huntsville Utilities to assume control of the water lines or extend new mains. The cost of main extensions usually are borne by the property owner.

Likewise, it has long been city policy to expand sanitary sewer service on a cost benefit basis. This policy applies to all land within the city regardless of its annexation date. In addition, the city has adopted a capital improvement plan to guide investment in infrastructure. In order for an area to be considered for road construction, drainage improvements, recreational or community facilities, new fire stations, or sanitary sewer extension, the area must be in the city and then must be prioritized according to need. Newly annexed land will be accorded the same consideration as other city lands.

Lastly, it is important to understand that those autonomous boards, agencies and utilities that have authority over the delivery of specific public services set their own policies and procedures.

I have read the above statement governing the delivery of city services to lands annexed into the city of Huntsville, and I agree to these conditions as they may pertain to any of my lands that are annexed.

Petitioner	In whan	Date <u>9-9-2025</u>	
For:	Deposit Road LLC John Hays	As its: Mmber	
Petitioner		Date	
For:		As its:	

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Petitioner	alin Henry Gautt	Date	4/23/25
For:	Alison Stevens, Heirs of William Stevens	As its:	
Petitioner		Date	
For:		As its:	

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Petitioner	Blake W. Warch	Date
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	Executed	