



# Huntsville, Alabama

305 Fountain Circle  
Huntsville, AL 35801

## Cover Memo

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**Meeting Type:** City Council Regular Meeting **Meeting Date:** 5/14/2026

**File ID:** TMP-6961

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**Department:** Legal

**Subject:**

**Type of Action:** Approval/Action

Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to submit certain questions to the Office of the Attorney General of Alabama relative to certain elected municipal officials and the Alabama Municipal Official Training Act (Code of Alabama, Sec. 11-40-100, *et seq.*), and requesting issuance of an Attorney General's opinion relative thereto.

Resolution No.

**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:** NA

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

**Additional Comments:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-\_\_\_\_\_**

**WHEREAS**, the Attorney General of the State of Alabama is a constitutional officer whose duties and powers are prescribed in Title 36, Chapter 15 of the Code of Alabama (1975), to include rendering an opinion, in writing or otherwise, as to any question of law connected with the duties of the city officers when requested to do so by the governing body of any incorporated municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Alabama has recently enacted laws regarding requirements that individuals serving as mayor or as a member of the governing body of any municipality shall participate in, and satisfactorily complete, a training course that meets the requirements specified within that law, to-wit: Code of Alabama, Section 11-40-100, et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, said laws state such requirements shall commence “(b)eginning January 1, 2025...” and apply “during each year of his or her first elected term after January 1, 2025...”; and

**WHEREAS**, confusion has been expressed as to whether the requirements of said law apply to mayors or councilpersons whose terms of office commenced prior to January 1, 2025 (the effective date).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the City Attorney is hereby instructed to submit the following question to the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Alabama, and request his opinion relative thereto:

“Do the training course requirements specified in Code of Alabama, Sections 11-40-100, et seq., apply to mayors and/or councilpersons whose term(s) of office began before the law’s effective date of January 1, 2025?”

**ADOPTED** this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

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

**APPROVED** this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

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Mayor of the City of  
Huntsville, Alabama