



Huntsville, Alabama

305 Fountain Circle
Huntsville, AL 35801

Cover Memo

Meeting Type: City Council Regular Meeting **Meeting Date:** 4/9/2026

File ID: TMP-6813

Department: City Council

Subject:

Type of Action: Introduction

Introduction of an Ordinance to name the dog park located at I-565 and Pratt Avenue known as the "Downtown Dog Spot" to the "Microwave Dave Dog Spot."

Ordinance 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:

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

Additional Comments:

ORDINANCE NO. 26- _____

WHEREAS, Dave Gallaher, known in the community as “Microwave Dave”, was an internationally renowned musician and an advocate for musical education and accessibility in the City of Huntsville and broader Tennessee Valley community; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these laudable and widely known accomplishments Microwave Dave was also an avid lover of animals who cherished the bond between humans and animals, frequently participating in traditional celebrations of animals and ecology that call for protection, healing, and compassion for pets and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the City of Huntsville, Alabama, is leasing an area of right-of-way owned by the State of Alabama and utilized as a dog park currently known as the “Downtown Dog Spot” located generally along the road currently known as Cleveland Avenue, between Church Street and Meridian Street, and more particularly described in Resolution No. 24-157; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, desires to name the dog park in honor of Microwave Dave to recognize his contributions to the City of Huntsville community and love of animals.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the facility currently known as the Downtown Dog Spot shall, to the extent of the City’s naming authority, hereafter be known as the “Microwave Dave Dog Spot”.

ADOPTED this the 23rd day of April, 2026.

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

APPROVED this the 23rd day of April, 2026.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama