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## AG MARSHALL REVIEWS COMPLAINTS OF VIOLATIONS OF ALABAMA GUN LAWS IN MOBILE, HOOVER, MONTGOMERY AND SOUTHSIDE

(MONTGOMERY) - Attorney General Steve Marshall today released public statements about formal complaints received by his office concerning possible unlawful prohibitions of firearms by the cities of Mobile, Hoover and Montgomery, and the town of Southside. After reviewing and investigating each complaint, where appropriate, the Attorney General's Office worked with the public entity to achieve compliance with state law.

The results of the Attorney General's investigations are summarized below, along with links to his determinations.

#### City of Mobile

The Attorney General's Office reviewed a complaint that the City of Mobile failed to comply with Alabama law because it prohibited firearms at the Connie Hudson Mobile Regional Senior Community Center. After the Attorney General communicated with the City, the City promised to remove the signs prohibiting firearms. Because the City will be compliant with Alabama law, the Attorney General has determined that no further action is required.

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#### City of Hoover

The Attorney General's Office received a complaint that the City of Hoover failed to comply with Alabama law because it prohibited weapons at the Hoover Public Library. After the Attorney General's Office communicated with the City, it was determined that the City meets the requirements of state law to prohibit the possession of firearms at the Hoover Public Library due to its limited and secured access. The Attorney General has determined that no further action is required.

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#### City of Montgomery

The Attorney General's Office received a complaint that the City of Montgomery intended to sponsor a gun buyback program in violation of Alabama law. An investigation by the Attorney General's Office determined that the City is not sponsoring a gun buyback program and is not offering remuneration to another party for the surrender or transfer of privately owned firearms. Because the City is compliant with Alabama law, the Attorney General has determined no further action is required.

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The Attorney General's Office received a complaint that the City of Montgomery failed to comply with Alabama law because it prohibited weapons at the Montgomery Zoo. It was determined that the Montgomery Zoo is permitted to prohibit possession of firearms because it actively excludes unauthorized persons from entry and requires the purchase of an admission ticket to enter. The Attorney General has determined that no further action is required.

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#### **Town of Southside**

The Attorney General's Office received a complaint that the Town of Southside failed to comply with Alabama law because it prohibited weapons at the Southside Softball Complex. After the Attorney General communicated with the Town of Southside, the Town replied that it does not enforce a prohibition on firearms at the Southside Softball Complex, that it has purposely obscured the language regarding the prohibition on firearms, and that it is in the process of replacing the sign to omit the language regarding a prohibition on firearms. The Attorney General has determined that no further action is required.

http://www.ago.alabama.gov/File-Firearms-2017-020-Public-Statements

More detailed information for each of these cases and others can be found on the AG's web site:

http://www.ago.alabama.gov/Page-Firearms-Alabama-Public-Statements-13A-11-61-3