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## AG MARSHALL REVIEWS COMPLAINTS OF VIOLATIONS OF ALABAMA GUN LAWS BY WEST MORGAN-EAST LAWRENCE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY, AND CITIES OF HUNTSVILLE AND OPELIKA

(MONTGOMERY) - Attorney General Steve Marshall today released public statements about formal complaints received by his office concerning possible unlawful prohibitions of firearms by the West Morgan-East Lawrence Water and Sewer Authority and the cities of Huntsville and Opelika. 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.

#### West Lawrence-East Morgan Sewer and Water Authority

The Attorney General's Office reviewed a complaint that the West Lawrence-East Morgan Water and Sewer Authority failed to comply with Alabama law because it prohibited firearms on its premises, as opposed to inside the building. After the Attorney General communicated with the Authority, the Authority amended its sign to prohibit firearms in its building. Because the City is compliant with Alabama law, the Attorney General has determined that no further action is required.

http://www.ago.alabama.gov/File-Firearms-2017-021-Public-Statements

### City of Huntsville

The Attorney General's Office received a complaint that the City of Huntsville failed to comply with Alabama law because it prohibited weapons on the premises of the Davidson Center for the Arts, as opposed to inside the building. After the Attorney General's Office communicated with the City, the City replied that, despite the language on its signs, it only intends to prohibit firearms inside the building for the Davidson Center for the Arts, not its premises. Because the City of Huntsville is compliant with Alabama law, the Attorney General has determined that no further action is required.

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501 Washington Avenue • Montgomery, AL 36104 • (334) 242-7300 www.ago.state.al.us The Attorney General's Office received a complaint that the City of Huntsville failed to comply with Alabama law because it prohibited weapons on the premises of the Von Braun Center, as opposed to inside the building. After the Attorney General's Office communicated with the City, the City replied that, despite the language on its signs, it only intends to prohibit firearms inside the building for the Von Braun Center, not its premises. Because the City of Huntsville is compliant with Alabama law, the Attorney General has determined that no further action is required.

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## City of Opelika

The Attorney General's Office received a complaint that the City of Opelika failed to comply with Alabama law because it prohibited firearms at the Lewis Cooper Jr. Memorial Library. After the Attorney General investigated, it was determined that signs prohibiting firearms are no longer posted at the Library. Because the City is compliant with Alabama law, the Attorney General has determined no further action is required.

http://www.ago.alabama.gov/File-Firearms-2017-024-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

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