

**STATE OF ALABAMA  
CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1562-24**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REDUCE THE POLICE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Muscle Shoals, Alabama (hereinafter referred to as the "City"), has exercised its authority to enforce ordinances and police regulations in areas beyond the corporate limits of the City as provided by Alabama law; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has maintained a police jurisdiction extending three miles beyond the corporate limits of the City in accordance with Section 11-40-10 of the Code of Alabama as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Muscle Shoals, Alabama, has determined that it is in the best interest of the City and its citizens to reduce the police jurisdiction to better focus law enforcement efforts and allocate resources effectively within the corporate limits; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes the importance of maintaining public safety while ensuring the efficient and proper use of City resources; and

**WHEREAS**, recent changes in legislation, including Act 2021-297, provide municipalities with the option to reduce the police jurisdiction from three miles to a distance of any number of half-mile increments or eliminate it altogether;

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

**Section 1. Reduction of Police Jurisdiction**

Effective on the first day of January, 2025, the police jurisdiction of the City of Muscle Shoals, Alabama, is hereby reduced from the current three (3) miles beyond the corporate limits to one half (0.5) mile beyond the corporate limits of the City, as provided for by Alabama state law.

**Section 2. Enforcement and Application**

A. Upon the effective date of this Ordinance, the City shall cease to enforce any municipal ordinances, including but not limited to police regulations, business license requirements, and other City codes, in areas that are beyond one-half (0.5) mile of the corporate limits of the City.

B. The City of Muscle Shoals Police Department shall continue to exercise full law enforcement authority within the reduced half (0.5) mile police jurisdiction as authorized by law.

C. Any contracts, inter-local agreements, or other legal obligations related to law enforcement activities within the reduced police jurisdiction shall be reviewed and amended, if necessary, to comply with this Ordinance.

**Section 3. Notice of Reduction**

A. In accordance with Alabama law, notice of the reduction of the police jurisdiction shall be provided to the public through appropriate means, including publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the City, posting on the City's official website, and notification to affected businesses and residents within the previous three (3) mile jurisdiction.

B. The City Clerk is hereby directed to notify the Alabama Department of Revenue and any other necessary state or local agencies of the reduction in the City's police jurisdiction.

**Section 4. Severability**

If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 5. Repealer**

All ordinances, parts of ordinances, or resolutions in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 6. Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2025, following its passage and adoption by the City Council and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 16 DAY OF September 2024.

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS, ALABAMA

By: Ken Sockwell  
KEN SOCKWELL  
Its President

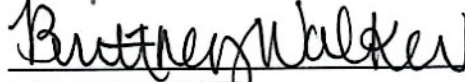
ATTEST:

Brittney Walker  
BRITTNEY WALKER, City Clerk

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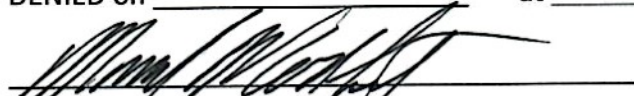
I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance Number 1562-24 was passed on the 16th day of September, 2024 by the City Council of the City of Muscle Shoals and was transmitted to the Mayor on the 18th day of September, 2024.



BRITTNEY WALKER  
City Clerk

APPROVED on 9/18/24 at 3:00 o'clock.

DENIED on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock.



MIKE LOCKHART  
Mayor of the City of Muscle Shoals, Alabama

**CERTIFICATE**

Certified a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Muscle Shoals, Alabama at its meeting held on the 16th day of September 2024.

This 18 day of September, 2024.



Brittney Walker

City Clerk



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**CERTIFICATE**

I, Brittney Walker, City Clerk for the City of Muscle Shoals, Alabama, hereby certify that the above and foregoing **Ordinance Number 1562-24** was duly and properly adopted by the Council of the City of Muscle Shoals, Alabama, at a regular meeting of the said Council held on the 16th day of September, 2024, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in said City, and that said Ordinance has been duly and properly published on this the 18th day of September, 2024, by posting a copy of said Ordinance at the following locations:

- Office of the Mayor at City Hall, Muscle Shoals, Alabama
- Muscle Shoals Public Library
- Muscle Shoals Recreation Center
- First Metro Bank, Muscle Shoals Branch

These postings were made at four (4) conspicuous places lying and being within the City of Muscle Shoals, Alabama, there being no newspaper published and of general circulation in the City of Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on this the 18th day of September, 2024.



**Brittney Walker**

**City Clerk**

**City of Muscle Shoals, Alabama**



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**MIKE LOCKHART**

*Mayor*

**BRITTNEY WALKER**

*City Clerk*

## NOTICE OF ORDINANCE REDUCING POLICE JURISDICTION

Date: September 20, 2024  
Colbert County Commission  
201 North Main Street  
Tuscumbia, AL 35674

Notice of Police Jurisdiction Reduction - City of Muscle Shoals

Dear Colbert County Commission,

Pursuant to the adoption of Ordinance No. 1562-24 by the City of Muscle Shoals, this letter serves as formal notice to Colbert County of the City's decision to reduce its police jurisdiction.

### Summary of Ordinance:

The Muscle Shoals City Council has passed an ordinance reducing the City's police jurisdiction from three (3) miles beyond the corporate limits to one-half (0.5) mile beyond the corporate limits. This decision was made in accordance with Section 11-40-10 of the Code of Alabama and Act 2021-297, allowing municipalities the option to reduce or eliminate their police jurisdiction.

The reduction in the police jurisdiction will take effect on January 1, 2025.

Should the County have any questions or require further clarification regarding the changes outlined in this ordinance, please do not hesitate to contact us at 256-383-5675.

Sincerely,



Mike Lockhart  
Mayor  
City of Muscle Shoals

*Council Members*

GINA CLARK • CHRIS HALL • DAVID MOORE • KEN SOCKWELL • WILLIS THOMPSON