

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-12

**An Ordinance of the City of Irondale to Amend Chapter 12 - Police,
Article III – Emergency Management, Divisions 1 and 2
of the *Municipal Code of the City of Irondale***

WHEREAS, the City of Irondale established an Emergency Management Communication District pursuant to Ordinance No. 633-86; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature enacted Act 2012-293, which fundamentally restructured the state's 911 funding and governance system, creating a statewide 911 charge, and the Alabama Statewide 911 Board; and

WHEREAS, Alabama Code § 11-98-5(e) provides that no district may impose a service charge or other fee on a subscriber to support a 911 system, thereby preempting local service charges; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to update the City's municipal code in this area to comply with current state law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Irondale to update the City's emergency communications provisions set forth in its municipal code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Irondale, Alabama, in regular meeting, duly assembled, a quorum being present, as follows:

Section 1. MODIFICATION OF CHAPTER 12, POLICE, ARTICLE III, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. Chapter 12, Article III of the Municipal Code of the City of Irondale, Alabama is hereby amended by deleting Division 1 and Division 2 in their entirety and replacing them as follows:

Sec. 12-56. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to establish an emergency communications district to plan, own, operate, maintain, and improve the City's public safety answering point(s) and 911 system, to promote efficient, reliable access to emergency services, and to coordinate with public safety and emergency management partners.

Sec. 12-57. Creation; Jurisdiction; Name.

There is hereby created an emergency management communication district, which shall encompass all of the territory lying within the corporate limits of the city. The name of the district shall be the "Irondale Emergency Management Communication District."

State Law Reference: *Districts; Creation; Composition; Powers and Duties*, Code of Ala. 1975 § 11-98-2.

Sec. 12-58. Definitions.

For purposes of this article, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below. Terms not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in Alabama Code § 11-98-1, *et seq.*, as amended.

- (a) *911 Board* or *Statewide 911 Board* means the Alabama Statewide 911 Board established pursuant to Ala. Code § 11-98-4.1.
- (b) *911 Fund* means the fund established pursuant to Alabama Code § 11-98-5.2 into which statewide 911 charges are deposited and from which distributions are made to districts.
- (c) *District* means the Irondale Emergency Management Communication District created pursuant to this article.
- (d) *E-911* or *Enhanced 911* means an emergency telephone system that directs 911 calls to appropriate public safety answering points by selective routing based on the geographical location from which the call originated, which provides the capability for automatic number identification and any features that the Federal Communications Commission may require in the future and as otherwise defined in Ala. Code § 11-98-1(10).
- (e) *Emergency service provider* means an agency of the State of Alabama, or a political subdivision thereof, that provides firefighting, rescue, natural or man-caused disaster, or major emergency response, public safety telecommunication and dispatch, law enforcement, ambulance, or emergency medical services.

State Law Reference: *Definitions*, Code of Ala. 1975 § 11-98-1.

Sec. 12-59. Board of Commissioners; Powers and Duties.

- (a) The district shall be governed by a board of commissioners consisting of the members of the city council.
- (b) The board of commissioners of the District shall possess those powers necessary to establish, operate, maintain, and replace an emergency communication system pursuant to state law, including but not limited to those powers set forth in Ala. Code § 11-98-4 and is authorized to:
 - (1) To establish policies and procedures for the operation of the E-911 system;
 - (2) To authorize expenditures of 911 Fund distributions and other revenues in accordance with applicable law;

- (3) To enter into agreements with other governmental entities for the provision of E-911 services;
- (4) To cooperate with the Statewide 911 Board and the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts in audits and reporting requirements; and
- (5) To perform such other duties as may be required by law or as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of this article.

State Law Reference: *Board of Commissioners*, Code of Ala. 1975 § 11-98-4.

Sec. 12-60. Funding; Statewide 911 charge; Permissible uses.

- (a) The district shall be funded primarily through distributions from the 911 Fund administered by the Statewide 911 Board, in accordance with Alabama Code §§ 11-98-5 and 11-98-5.2.
- (b) The City may appropriate general fund revenues or other lawfully available funds to supplement 911 Fund distributions as the City Council may determine necessary to adequately fund E-911 services.
- (c) The district may apply for and receive grants from federal, state, or private sources in support of E-911 operations and improvements.
- (d) All 911 Fund distributions received by the district shall be deposited into a separate fund or account and shall be used only to establish, operate, maintain, and replace an emergency communication system in accordance with Alabama Code § 11-98-6.
- (e) No 911 Fund distributions shall be used for purposes not authorized by state law or applicable rules of the Statewide 911 Board.

State Law Reference: *Monthly Statewide 911 Charge*, Code of Ala. 1975 § 11-98-5; *911 Fund*, Code of Ala. 1975§ 11-98-5.2; *Disposition of Funds*, Code of Ala. 1975 § 11-98-6.

Sec. 12-61. Address assignment and street identification.

- (a) The E-911 Dispatch Department, in coordination with other City departments, shall establish and maintain a common address and location identification program within the district.
- (b) The city and district shall be jointly responsible for purchasing and installing the necessary signs to identify all roads and streets in the district correctly.
- (c) Property owners and occupants shall comply with address display requirements established by the city to facilitate emergency response.

State Law Reference: *Disposition of Funds*, Code of Ala. 1975 § 11-98-6.

Sec. 12-62. Restrictions on 911 use.

The digits 911 shall be the primary emergency telephone number. The E-911 Dispatch Department may maintain a separate secondary backup number and shall maintain a separate number for non-emergency telephone calls.

State Law Reference: *The Digits 911 Established as Primary Emergency Telephone Number*, Code of Ala. 1975 § 11-98-6; *Restrictions on 911 Use*; *Secondary Backup Emergency Number Authorized*; *Certain Automatic Alerting Devices Connected to Network Prohibited*; *Possible Penalties for Misuse*, Code of Ala. 1975 § 11-98-10.

Sec. 12-63. Interpretation in accordance with State law.

This article is enacted pursuant to and shall be interpreted consistently with Alabama Code Title 11, Chapter 98 (§ 11-98-1 *et seq.*), as amended. In the event of any conflict between this article and state law, state law shall control.

Secs. 12-64—12-95. Reserved.

Section 2. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council of the City of Irondale hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional.

Section 3. ORDINANCES REPEALED. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

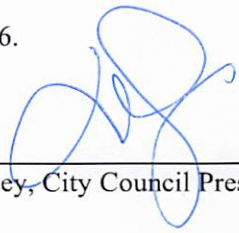
Section 4. LEGAL RIGHTS NOT IMPAIRED. Nothing in this ordinance or in the Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this ordinance.

Section 5. ORDINANCE CUMULATIVE; COMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER REGULATIONS. This Ordinance shall not be construed to modify or to repeal any other ordinance, rule, regulation, or other provision of law, except as provided herein. The requirements of this Ordinance are in addition to and cumulative to the requirements of any other ordinance, rule, regulation, or other provision of law, and where any provision of this ordinance imposes restrictions different from those imposed by any other ordinance, rule, regulation or other provision of law, whichever provision is more restrictive or imposes higher protective standards for human health or the environment shall control.

Section 6. PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE. The City Clerk of the City of Irondale is hereby ordered and directed to cause this ordinance to be published in accordance with the law and that a copy of this ordinance be entered upon the records of the city.

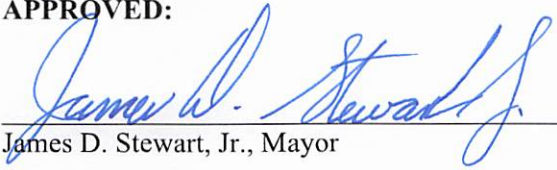
Section 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and publication as required by law and shall continue in full force and effect from month to month and year to year from its effective date until repealed.

ADOPTED & APPROVED this 3rd day of March, 2026.



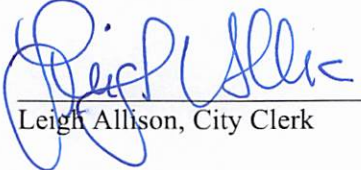
David Spivey, City Council President

APPROVED:



James D. Stewart, Jr., Mayor

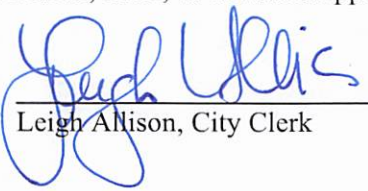
ATTESTED:



Leigh Allison, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Leigh Allison, City Clerk of the City of Irondale, Alabama, hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Irondale at its regular meeting held on the 3rd day of March, 2026, as the same appears in the minutes of record of said meeting.



Leigh Allison, City Clerk