



**CITY OF OPELIKA
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSESSION MEETING AGENDA
300 Martin Luther King Blvd.
December 2, 2025
TIME: 5:50 PM**

1. A CALL TO ORDER
 1. George Allen, Janataka Hughley-Holmes, Leigh Whatley, Chuck Beams, Todd Rauch
2. PRESENTATIONS
 1. Request Downtown Street Closure - Snopelika and Tree Lighting on 12-06-25 as backup date.
3. RESOLUTIONS
 1. Approve Construction of a Gaga Ball Pit/Enclosure at Covington Park - P&R.
4. ORDINANCES
5. GENERAL UPDATES
6. REVIEW/DISCUSS CURRENT COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
7. GENERAL / DISCUSSION
8. END OF WORK SESSION

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DOWNTOWN STREET CLOSURE REQUEST APPLICATION

The Opelika City Clerk is responsible for assisting organizations and individuals in making downtown street closure requests. We will guide you through the application process prior to it being submitted to the Opelika City Council for final approval.

Please contact Russell Jones to schedule a time to discuss your request and initial review of your application.

(334) 705-5110

rjones@opelika-al.gov

204 South 7th Street

Opelika, AL 36801

All information is required. Incomplete applications will not be submitted for approval.

Updated September 26, 2025

Before submitting your request, please note the following:

- Requests should be made at least 30 days in advance and no sooner than three months before the event.
- The impact of your request on downtown businesses, city services, and other downtown events will be taken into account when reviewing your application.
- If your event involves Courthouse Square, this is a separate approval and must be coordinated with Opelika Parks & Rec. at (334) 705-5549.
- Submission of this application is not a guarantee of approval.
- Final approval is made by the Opelika City Council.
- **You are responsible for notifying all business that will be affected by road closure. Failure to do so may cause denial of future applications.**

The following information is required to complete this application:

1. Date of your event
2. Start and End Time
3. Anticipated number of participants
4. Type of Event (parade, march, assembly, rally, temporary market, etc.)
5. Map of your event and/or detailed route description and parking lots that need to be barricaded.
6. Location/type of signage you intend to place in the city's right-of-way
7. Dedicated contact/responsible party for your event

#1 - Event Contact Information

Organization/Individual making this request

Opelika Chamber

Point of Contact for this request

- Name (First/Last) ALI RAUCH
- Daytime Tel. # 334-745-4861
- Email Address ALI@OPELIKACHAMBER.COM
- Mailing Address PO Box 2306, Opelika, AL 36803

#2 - Event Details

- What is the date of your event? SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025
- Time your event starts (CST) 5:00 pm
- Time your event ends (CST) 9:00 pm
- Time of set up and barricade block (CST) ~~9:00 AM~~ 4:00 PM
- Anticipated number of participants 15,000
- Event Type: TREE LIGHTING
(parade, march, assembly, rally, market, memorial, etc.)
- How many extra garbage cans do you need? 50
You are required to get extra cans.

Please list the street(s) you are requesting be closed:

9TH STREET BETWEEN AVE A & B ; AVENUE B BETWEEN 8TH
& 9TH STREET ; AVENUE A BETWEEN 8TH & 9TH STREET

#2 - Event Details (cont'd)

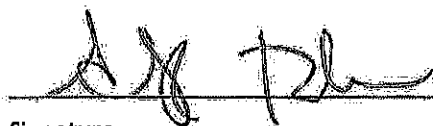
Please answer "Yes" or "No" by marking the appropriate box for each question.

YES	NO	
☒	☐	Will anyone be selling anything at your event? (Food, merchandise, etc.)
☒	☐	Does your event involve any part of Courthouse Square?
☒	☐	Will you use a PA system or have any music at your event?
☐	☒	Would you like the city's music feed turned OFF during your event?
☒	☐	Will you require electrical power for your event?
☐	☒	Will your event involve any fireworks, confetti, streamers, powder, etc.?
☒	☐	Will your event have any signage, banners, etc.?
☒	☐	Do you have sufficient volunteers for your event?
☒	☐	Will your event have any temporary structures, stages, tents, inflatables etc.?
☒	☐	You have contacted all businesses affected by the road closure.

#3 - Statement of Responsibility

By submitting this Downtown Street Closure Request I am acknowledging and agreeing to comply with the following on behalf of myself and/or the organization I am representing.

- My request will be reviewed and must be approved by the Opelika City Council.
- The requesting organization/individual is responsible for ensuring all vendors have the proper licensing to conduct their business within the City of Opelika. *Unlicensed businesses are subject to fines and/or removal from the premises.*
- All items brought in for the event and resulting waste shall be removed or properly disposed of immediately following the end of the event/same day as event. You are required to request and pay for extra garbage cans for your event. Payment arrangements must be made prior to event. Opelika Environmental Services will place event cans downtown. It is your responsibility to move those cans throughout your event, as well as place them back in original location immediately following the event. Please do not put excess garbage or uncontained items on the right-of-way. If you have excess garbage, please contact the OES Director at 334-744-4131.
- No dyes, chemicals, animals, people, foreign objects, etc. are allowed in the fountain. Any damage to the fountain will result in a fine to cover the full cost of repairs and cleaning.
- You are not to hang or attach anything to city property, signage, or local businesses without written approval.
- All sound ordinances shall be adhered to.
- Barricades will be placed at the intersections adjacent to the streets approved to be closed. It is your responsibility to place them in the roadway for your approved closure time and to return them to where they were dropped off at the end of your event.
- An approved street closure request does NOT guarantee all vehicles will be removed from the affected street(s) prior to your event.
- An approved street closure request does NOT give you the authority to tow/forcibly remove any legally parked vehicles.
- If you do not clean up after your event, or if you cause any damage to city property, you could be banned from future approval and use.
- You are allowed to place flyers on the windshield of vehicles within your approved closure request up to 24 hours in advance of your event if it is done in a way that does not damage the vehicle. (No tape, sticky paper, anything that would stain or scratch, etc.)


Signature


Date

Street Map

Please highlight the street(s) you are requesting be closed and the route you will take if your event is a march, parade, etc.

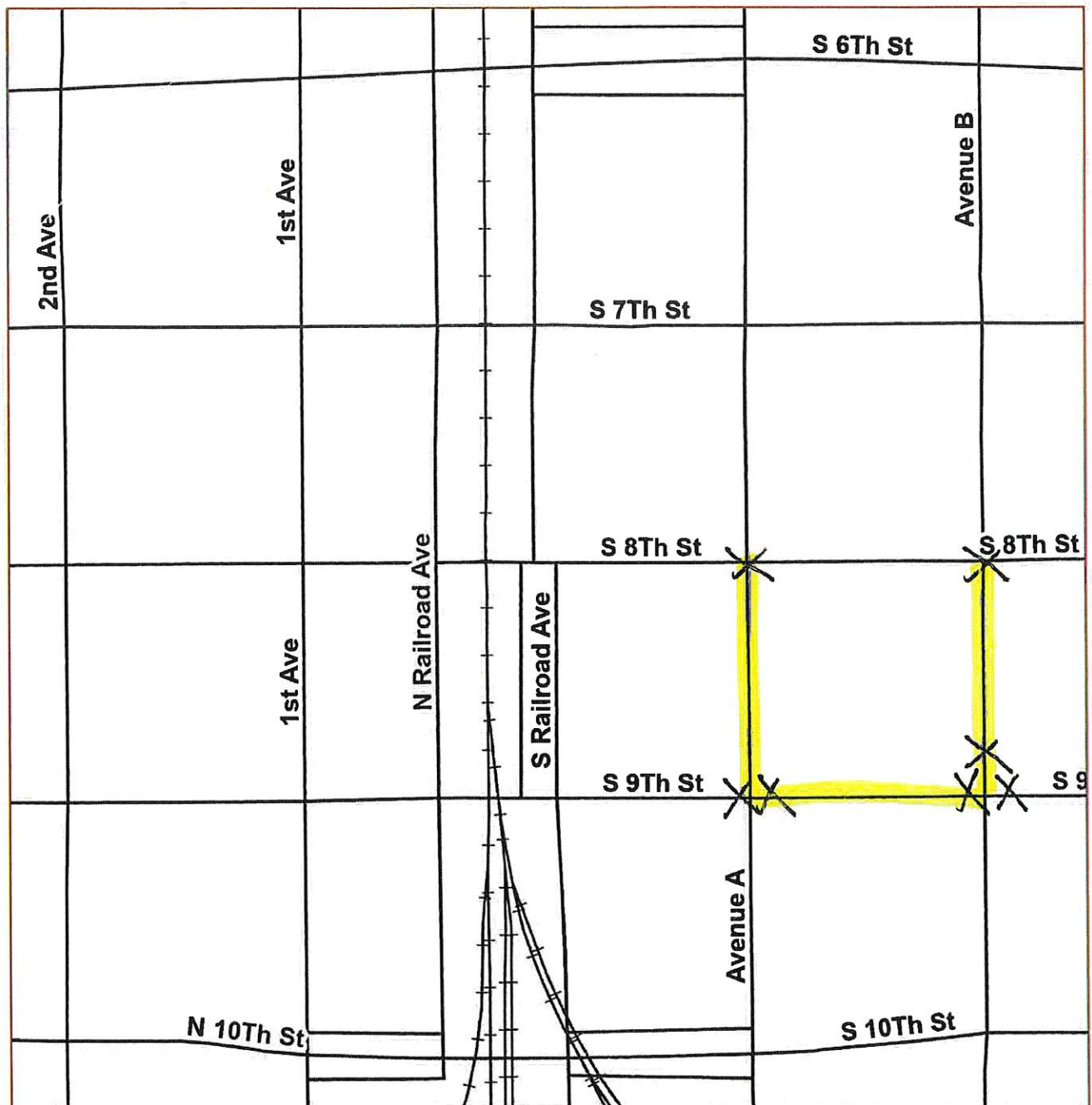
Please Note:

Barricades will be placed at the intersections adjacent to the streets approved to be closed. It is your responsibility to place them in the roadway at your approved closure time, staff them during your event, and return them to where they were dropped off at the end of your event.

X = Barricade Location

 = Requested Street

 = Parade/March Path



RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION APPROVING EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
PROPOSAL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A GAGA BALL PIT/ENCLOSURE
AT COVINGTON PARK**

WHEREAS, the City of Opelika, Alabama (the “City”) desires to construct and install a Gaga-Ball pit/enclosure at Covington Park; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Brock, a local Boy Scout, has submitted a proposal as part of his efforts towards becoming an Eagle Scout to build the Gaga-pit/enclosure at no cost to the City; and

WHEREAS, the proposal was remarkably well and thoroughly presented and would provide additional outdoor recreational opportunities for Opelika children; and

WHEREAS, the City of Opelika (the “City”) recognizes and encourages its youth to set worthy goals, to serve others selflessly and to lead by example.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Opelika, Alabama, as follows:

1. That the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. That the City hereby approves Mr. Brock’s proposal for the construction and installation of a Gaga-Ball pit/enclosure at no cost to the City, and at all times under the direct supervision of the Opelika Parks and Recreation Department and adult scout leadership.
3. That the Mayor or his designated representative and the City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all necessary documents in accordance with the terms of this Resolution.
4. That this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and adoption by the City Council.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the ____ day of _____, 2025.

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF OPELIKA, ALABAMA

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK