

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF LYNN, ALABAMA, GRANTING THE MAYOR AND CHIEF OF POLICE AUTHORITY TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE STREETS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS, EMERGENCIES, AND PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Lynn, Alabama, recognizes the importance of ensuring public safety, maintaining order, and managing traffic during special events, hazardous weather conditions, and roadway emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lynn must authorize certain officials to temporarily close public streets, alleys, and rights-of-way when such actions are necessary for the safety and welfare of its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Lynn, Alabama, as follows:

Section 1. Authority Granted

The **Mayor** and the **Chief of Police** of the Town of Lynn, or their respective designees, are hereby authorized to temporarily close, restrict access to, or reroute traffic on any public street, alley, roadway, or right-of-way within the town limits under the following circumstances:

1. **Special events**, including parades, festivals, and public gatherings;
 2. **Street damage**, roadway hazards, or unsafe conditions;
 3. **Inclement weather**, including snow, ice, flooding, high winds, or other storm-related dangers;
 4. **Any other situation that presents a risk to public health, safety, or emergency response.**
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Section 2. Coordination and Public Notice

Whenever practicable, the Mayor or Chief of Police shall coordinate street closures with:

- The **Lynn Fire Department**;
- **Emergency medical services**;
- Other relevant municipal or county agencies.

Public notice shall be provided in advance of planned closures. In emergencies, notice shall be made as soon as reasonably possible using available communication channels.

Section 3. Duration and Lifting of Closures

Closures under this ordinance shall:

- Remain in effect only for the duration necessary to address the condition or event; and
 - Be rescinded promptly once the issue requiring the closure has been resolved.
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Section 4. Liability Limitation

All actions taken by the Mayor, Chief of Police, or their designees under this ordinance shall be considered **good faith actions performed within the scope of official duties**. The Town of Lynn shall not be liable for:

- **Incidental or consequential damages** resulting from any temporary street closure;
- **Claims arising from delay, detour, or access restriction**, provided the closure was made in good faith for the purpose of public safety or emergency response.

This section shall not limit liability in cases of **gross negligence or willful misconduct**.

Section 5. Severability

If any section, clause, or provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and proper publication in accordance with Alabama law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

TOWN COUNCIL OF LYNN, ALABAMA

Mayor

Council Member

Council Member

Council Member

Council Member

Council Member

Attest: Town Clerk