

Mayor
Jeremy Pate



City Clerk
Robin Mitchell

Cordova City Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 14, 2026
6:30 p.m.
Agenda

1. Call to Order
 - Invocation
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Roll Call
2. Motion to Rezone Parcel#64-23-02-09-2-202-022.000 R-2-R-3
3. Motion to Rezone Parcel#64-23-02-09-2-202-021.000 R-2-R-3
4. Motion to Rezone Parcel#64-23-02-09-2-202-020.000 R-2-R-3
5. Motion to Rezone Parcel#64-23-03-08-1-103-009.000 R-2-R-3
6. Motion to Rezone Parcel#64-23-03-05-4-000-112.000 R-2-R-4
7. Review Regular Meeting Minutes from June 09, 2026.
8. Review A/P Aging Detail Report & Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2026.
9. Review of Quarterly Budget
10. Resolution 2026-14 Establishing a Schedule of Rental Fees and Policies for The Use of the Cordova Ballpark
11. Resolution 2026-15 ARC Power Initiative Grant Application
12. Resolution 2026-16 Economic Development Administration (EDA) Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant Application
13. Resolution 2026-17 Approving the Creation of a Downtown Development District Within the City of Cordova
14. Motion to Approve Use of Park July 20, 2026, from 3:00pm-6:00pm for Kingdom Connection-Anita Gant-Dora Church of God-Feeding Homeless, Free Hair Cuts, Prayer Table, and Free Clothes
15. Motion to Approve Use of Park September 23, 2026, from 5:00pm-8:00pm for Long Memorial Church-Fall Carnival
16. Public Works Update
17. Fire Department Update
18. Police Department Update
 - Motion to Approve Dispatcher Casey Taylor from Part-Time to Full-Time (No Insurance)
 - Resignation of Dispatcher William Ambridge



- Motion to Approve Taking Applications for Full-Time Dispatcher
19. Economic Development Update
 - Acceptance of AmeriCorp Grant
 20. Planning Commission Update
 21. Other Business
 22. Adjourn

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALABAMA, ON JUNE 09, 2026.**

The Mayor and Council Members of the City of Cordova, Alabama met in a Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on June 09, 2026, at the Cordova City Hall.

Lawrence Sides delivered the Invocation.

Mayor Pate led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Mayor Jeremy Pate, and

Council Members: Brett Dawkins, Ed Earp, Larry Sides, Donna McDonald, and Jane Mitchell

Mayor Pate made a motion to approve the rezoning of Parcel #64-23-03-08-1-101-039.000 from R-2 to R-3. No comment was made by the public. Councilmember Mitchell made a motion to rezone this property, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Dawkins. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes-6. Motion carried.

Mayor Pate made a motion to approve the rezoning of Parcel #64-23-03-08-1-101-040.000 from R-2 to R-3. No comment was made by the public. Councilmember Earp made a motion to rezone this property, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Dawkins. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes-6. Motion carried.

Mayor Pate made a motion to approve the rezoning of Parcel #64-23-08-1-105-003.000 from R-2 to R-3. No comment was made by the public. Councilmember Earp made a motion to rezone this property, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Sides. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes-6. Motion carried.

Mayor Pate made a motion to approve the rezoning of Parcel #64-23-03-08-1-101-038.000 from R-2 to R-3. No comment was made by the public. Councilmember Mitchell made a motion to rezone this property, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Earp. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes-6. Motion carried.

Mayor Pate made a motion to approve the rezoning of Parcel #64-23-02-04-3-301-004.000 from R-2 to R-4. No comment was made by the public. Councilmember Earp made a motion to rezone this property, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitchell. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes-5. Councilmember Dawkins abstained from vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Pate made a motion to approve the rezoning of Parcel #64-23-02-09-2-000-006.000 from R-2 to R-4. No comment was made by the public. Councilmember Earp made a motion to rezone this property, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitchell. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes-5. Councilmember Dawkins abstained from vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Pate presented the minutes from the Regular Called Meeting on May 12, 2026. Councilmember Earp made a motion to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitchell. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes-6. Motion carried.

Mayor Pate presented the minutes from the Special Called Meeting on June 02, 2026. Councilmember Earp made a motion to approve the minutes, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Dawkins. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes-6. Motion carried.

Mayor Pate presented the A/P Aging Report and Statement of Financial Position Report as of May 31, 2026. Councilmember Earp made a motion to approve the accounts payable, and statement of financial position as given, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Mitchell. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes-6. Motion carried.

Mayor Pate made a motion to approve Chief Harold Cox's annual Chief's Conference August 2-7, 2026, in Orange Beach. The total cost will be \$2,069.44. Councilmember Dawkins made a motion to approve the Chief's travel to Orange Beach, which was seconded by Councilmember Sides. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes-6. Motion carried.

Mayor Pate made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-13 approving the retirement longevity bonus legislation. The estimated cost to fund the bonus for the City of Cordova retiree's is \$667.00. Councilmember Mitchell made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-13 approving the retirement longevity bonus, which was seconded by Councilmember Earp. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes-6. Motion carried.

Mayor Pate made a motion to approve a roadblock for Dovertown Freewill Baptist Church to raise money for a mission trip on June 13, 2026. Councilmember Earp made a motion to approve Dovertown Freewill Baptist roadblock, which was seconded by Councilmember Dawkins. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes-5. Councilmember Sides abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Pate made a motion to approve the use of the park to Gabriela Telp for a birthday party on June 13, 2026. Councilmember Dawkins made a motion to approve the use of the park to Gabriela Telp, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Earp. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the following was recorded: yes-6. Motion carried.

Mayor Pate gave a public works update. The Mayor announced that the Summer Work program has begun.

Dean Harbison gave a Fire Department update.

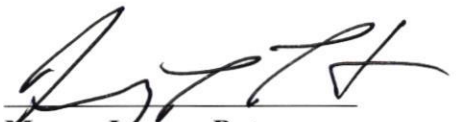
Chief Harold Cox gave an update for the Police Department.

Renee Sides, Economic Development Director gave an update on Economic Development.

Lawrence Sides, Chairman of Planning Commission gave a Planning Commission update.

Mayor Pate introduced Alex Daniel from Signal Security. Mr. Daniel gave a Code Enforcement update and announced that the program has been successful with multiple homeowners already cleaning up their properties.

It was ascertained there was no other business to come before this meeting. Upon motion made and seconded, the meeting was duly adjourned.


Mayor Jeremy Pate

ATTEST:


City Clerk/Treasurer



**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALABAMA
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-14**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF RENTAL FEES AND POLICIES
FOR THE USE OF THE CORDOVA BALLPARK**

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova owns and operates the Cordova Ballpark for the recreational benefit of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, individuals, organizations, and other groups periodically request the use of the ballpark facilities for practices, games, tournaments, meetings, and special events; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City to establish a uniform schedule of rental fees and policies governing the reservation and use of the Cordova Ballpark.

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

SECTION 1. FACILITIES

The following facilities are available for reservation under this Resolution:

- Baseball/Softball Fields
- Concession Stand

SECTION 2. RENTAL FEES

The following fees are hereby established:

Facility	Fee
Baseball/Softball Field	\$25.00 per field, per two-hour reservation
Field Lights	Additional \$25.00 per hour, per field*
Concession Stand (Game Use Only)	\$150.00 per event
Tournament Package (Both Fields and Concession Stand)	\$500.00 per day (8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.)

*For purposes of illustration, a two-hour reservation of one ball field with field lights shall total \$75.00, consisting of the \$25.00 field rental fee and \$50.00 for two hours of lighting.

SECTION 3. RULES AND POLICIES

A. Reservation Priority

City-sponsored events, Cordova Park and Recreation programs, and other events sanctioned by the City shall have priority over all private reservations. The City reserves the right to deny, reschedule, or cancel any reservation when necessary for City business, maintenance, weather conditions, emergencies, or other municipal purposes.

B. Reservations and Payment

Rental fees shall be paid in full prior to the scheduled reservation unless otherwise authorized by the City. A reservation is not confirmed until payment has been received.

C. Damage to Property

The person or organization reserving a facility shall be responsible for any damage to City property beyond ordinary wear and tear and shall reimburse the City for the cost of repair or replacement.

D. Clean-Up

The reserving party shall leave all facilities in a clean condition. Trash shall be disposed of in designated receptacles, and the facility shall be returned in substantially the same condition in which it was received.

E. Alcoholic Beverages

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited anywhere within the Cordova Ballpark unless specifically authorized in advance by the City Council. Any approval shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws.

F. Compliance with Laws

All persons using the Cordova Ballpark shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations of the City of Cordova and the State of Alabama.

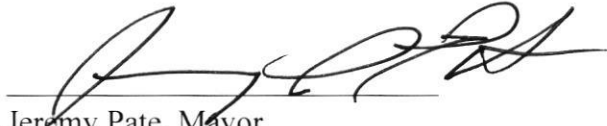
G. Administration

The Mayor or the Mayor's designee is authorized to administer reservations, collect rental fees, adopt reservation forms and procedures, and enforce this Resolution.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 14th day of July 2026.

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Jeremy Pate, Mayor
City of Cordova, Alabama

ATTEST:

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Robin Mitchell, City Clerk
City of Cordova, Alabama

Resolution: 2026-15

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALABAMA
FOR AN APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION (ARC)
POWER INITIATIVE GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova desires to acquire the Mulberry Fork Tract to support economic diversification, outdoor recreation, tourism development, environmental stewardship, workforce attraction, and quality of life improvements within the City of Cordova and Walker County. The acquisition of the Mulberry Fork Tract will preserve a significant regional asset while providing opportunities for future recreation, tourism, conservation, and economic development initiatives that will benefit the citizens of Cordova and the Appalachian Region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova is eligible to apply to the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) for funding through the Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative; and

WHEREAS, engineers have estimated a total project cost of \$1,900,000.00; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alabama, that the Council authorizes the Mayor to submit an application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, to the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) for POWER Initiative grant funding not to exceed \$1,900,000.00 and is committed to provide a fifty percent (50%) match of \$950,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents and enter into any agreements necessary for the submission, administration, and implementation of the project, subject to ARC approval.

BE IT EVEN FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon approval and adoption by the Council, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of July, 2026.



Jeremy Pate, Mayor

ATTEST:



Resolution: 2026-16

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALABAMA
FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA)
PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE
GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova desires to acquire the Mulberry Fork Tract to support economic development, outdoor recreation, tourism enhancement, workforce attraction, environmental conservation, and long-term community revitalization initiatives. The Mulberry Fork Tract Acquisition Project represents a strategic investment in the economic future of the City of Cordova and Walker County by creating opportunities for recreation-based economic development, tourism growth, conservation, and future public infrastructure investments. The acquisition of the Mulberry Fork Tract will preserve a significant natural and economic asset while providing opportunities for future development that supports regional economic resilience, quality of life improvements, and sustainable economic diversification; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova is eligible to apply to the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA), for funding through the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs; and

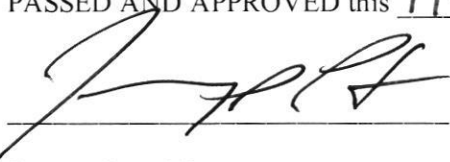
WHEREAS, engineers have estimated a total project cost of \$1,900,000.00; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alabama, that the Council authorizes the Mayor to submit an application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, to the United States Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) for Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance funding not to exceed \$1,900,000.00, and is committed to provide a forty percent (40%) local match of \$760,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents and enter into any agreements necessary for the submission, administration, and implementation of the project, subject to EDA approval.

BE IT EVEN FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon approval and adoption by the Council, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of July, 2026.



Jeremy Pate, Mayor

ATTEST:



CITY OF CORDOVA, ALABAMA
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-17

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CREATION OF A DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Cordova recognizes the importance of promoting economic development, revitalization, and investment within the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Downtown Development District will encourage business growth, improve infrastructure, enhance public spaces, and support the overall vitality of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to designate a defined geographic area within its corporate limits as a Downtown Development District for the purpose of planning, coordination, and implementation of economic and community development initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the creation of such a district will provide a framework for public and private partnerships, grant opportunities, and strategic improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that establishing a Downtown Development District is in the best interest of the citizens of Cordova and will promote the public health, safety, and welfare.

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

1. Creation of District
The City of Cordova hereby establishes a Downtown Development District within the corporate limits of the City.
2. Boundaries
The boundaries of the Downtown Development District shall be defined and mapped by the City, as approved by the City Council and maintained in the official records of the City. Such boundaries may be amended by future action of the Council.
3. Purpose
The purpose of the Downtown Development District shall be to promote economic development, revitalization, infrastructure improvements, beautification, business recruitment, and community engagement within the designated area.
4. Administration
The Mayor, or his/her designee, is authorized to oversee the development, planning, and implementation of initiatives within the Downtown Development District, including coordination with local businesses, property owners, and community stakeholders.

5. Programs and Funding

The City is authorized to pursue grants, partnerships, and other funding opportunities to support projects and activities within the Downtown Development District.

6. Further Actions Authorized

The Mayor and/or designated City officials are authorized to take any and all actions necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

7. Repealer

Resolution No. 2026-12 of the City of Cordova, Alabama, together with any amendments thereto, is hereby repealed in its entirety and shall be of no further force or effect as of the effective date of this Resolution. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

8. Effective Date

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 14th day of July, 2026.



Jeremy Pate, Mayor
City of Cordova, Alabama

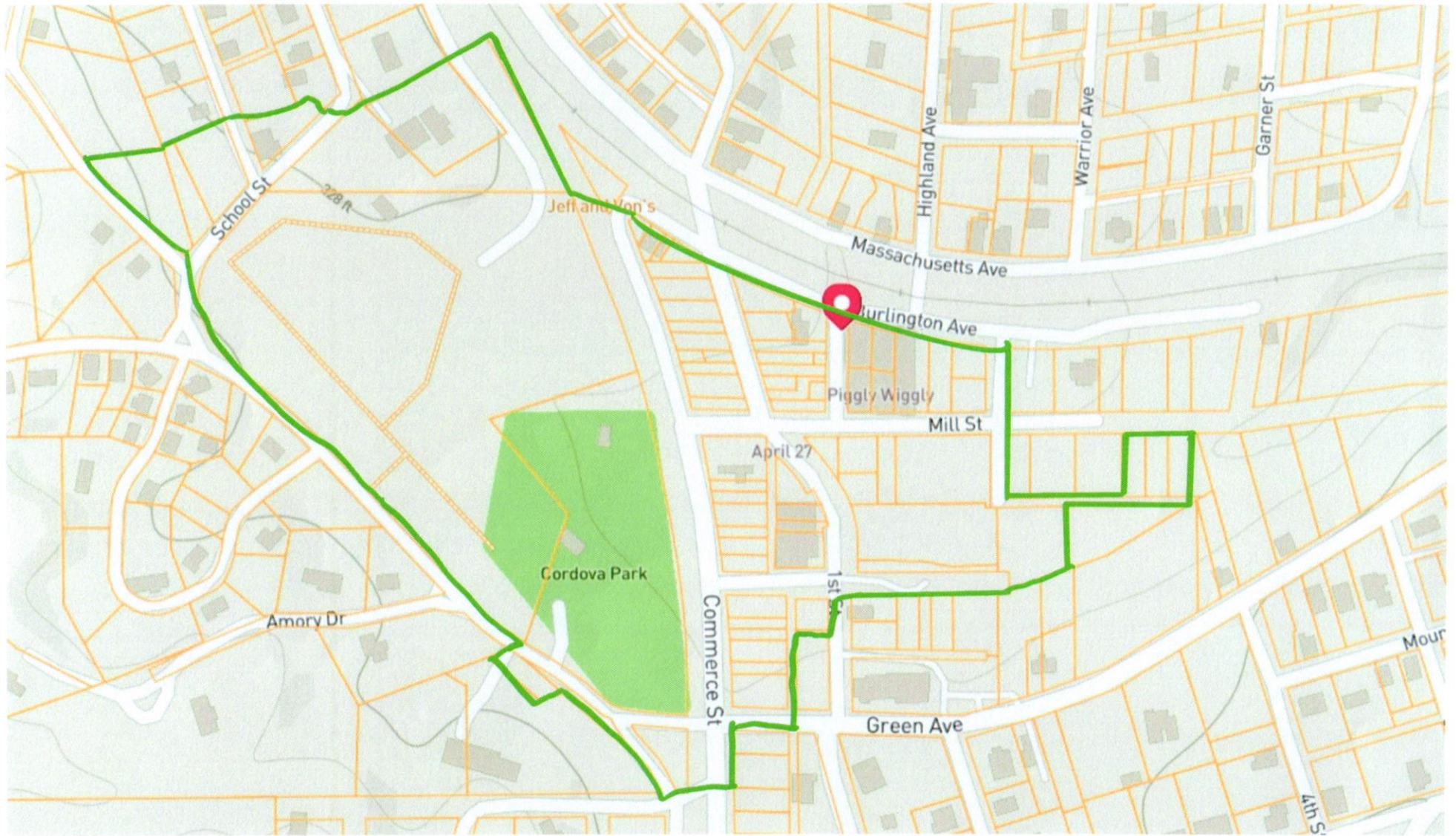
ATTEST:



Robin Mitchell
City Clerk



Cordova Infrastructure Bond District



Master Legal Description

A collective tract of land lying in Section 8, Township 15 South, Range 6 West, Walker County, Alabama, being a consolidation of parcels and lots within Block 65 of the Map of Cordova, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 26 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Walker County, Alabama, more particularly described as follows:

Tract I: The Consolidated Block 65 Lots

Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 in Block 65, according to the Map of Cordova, recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 26, in the Probate Office of Walker County, Alabama;

LESS AND EXCEPT the following described portions therefrom:

1. The North 5 feet off the North line of said Lot 2, Block 65.
2. Any portion of Lot 10, Block 65, lying within the West 55 feet thereof.

Tract II: The Metes-and-Bounds Adjoining Parcel

A parcel of land lying in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ (or portions traversing the NE and NW fractions) of Section 8, Township 15 South, Range 6 West, Walker County, Alabama, described as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of the West right-of-way line of Jasper Street and the South right-of-way line of Massachusetts Avenue ; thence run Northwestwardly along said South right-of-way line of Massachusetts Avenue a distance of 135 feet to the **POINT OF BEGINNING** ; thence continue Northwestwardly a distance of 45 feet ; thence Southwestwardly a distance of 20 feet to the Northeast right-of-way line of Commerce Street ; thence run Southeastwardly along said Northeast right-of-way line of Commerce Street a distance of 55 feet ; thence leaving said right-of-way line, run back to the Point of Beginning.

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Cordova Fire & Rescue



June

MAY 2026 CALLS:

<u>STRUCTURE FIRES -</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>BRUSH / WOODS FIRES -</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS -</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>VEHICLE FIRES -</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>MEDICAL -</u>	<u>40</u>
<u>RESCUE -</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>PUBLIC ASSISTANCE -</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>HAZARDOUS -</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>FALSE ALARMS -</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>INSPECTIONS -</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>MUTUAL AID -</u>	<u>(2)</u>
Total Calls:	74
Water Usage -	Gallons 10,000



Cordova Fire & Rescue



UPDATE:

- **Helipad Project is complete; we want to thank the Walker Area Community Foundation and the City for providing funding to make completing this project possible.**
- **Maintenance Issues: Eng 1 A/C is down and has Airbrake issues (compressor staying engaged), Eng 2 A/C is down and it still needs Tires, UTV needs tires almost no tread and currently has a flat, Ladder Truck – the Aerial side has failed, we can elevate the ladder but we have developed major Drift and Fall issues, the ladder is not holding in place when extended, we are no longer allowing personnel to ascend the ladder for emergencies.**



Economic Development Update for Council Meeting 07/14/2026



Events:

- Independence Day Celebration on July 4th from Noon until 10 pm – HUGE Turnout – Great event
- Reading of the Declaration of Independence will take place on July 8th at 5 pm at Walker County Courthouse. We will join counties from all across the nation and our territories in reading this historic document at the same time. – Good turnout

Current Projects:

- RAISE Project – Phase 1 – contractor mobilizing crew to correct the pitch/slope of Commerce Street. Will be scheduling punchlist survey within the next 2 weeks. Phase 2 bid is awaiting a letter from Secretary Duffey's office in order to issue Phase 2 Construction bid.
- Wastewater ADEM Grant Project – Contractor is working on the Septage Receiving Station and the Screwpress. The I&I Bid package has been issued and the bid opening is tomorrow at 10 am.
- Laundry mat Project – On hold
- Office/Retail Building – Short delay awaiting a revised building permit
- Higgins Building Redevelopment. Delay on finishing the restaurant downstairs until Commerce Street is addressed by the paving contractor. Polished Salon ribbon cutting held on June 17th, Gibson Girls Glam ribbon cutting held on July 3rd. Cotton Mercantile ribbon cutting is scheduled for August 1st.
- Gateway Project is still progressing.
- Cordova River Adventure Resort – project is underway. Master Plan changes are being made now. Initial proposal needed to be revised. Finalizing investor agreements by August 1st. Development District paperwork is ready pending closing.
- Trails – planning for next section of trail development
- Working on project proposals for the following grants: Land and Water Conservation, ARC Area Development Initiative. Alabama Power Foundation Grant, Walker Area Community Foundation.
- ARC Power Grant has been submitted.
- Groundbreaking for the triplex being built by Cordova Investment Group is scheduled for Friday, July 17, 2026 at 10 am. Will take place in the business incubator.
- Restaurant across from Piggly Wiggly is about 2 weeks ahead of schedule. HVAC, electrical and plumbing work this week. Windows the first of next week and interior the following week.
- Innovate Alabama – did not receive award.
- AmeriCorps Grant – received award. 7 fulltime (35 hours per week, 42 weeks) and 12 Quarter time (40 hours per week for 12 weeks). Quarter Time will be the summer work program. Initial training is August 5th and 6th.
- Downtown Development District – upon initial contact with some property owners, we have had to tighten the boundaries of the district. Resubmitted to the City Council. Once approved, we will submit the paperwork. Cost estimates have been completed and have been included in the DD paperwork.
- Working on several grants for the Police Department.
- Continuing to work on code enforcement as issues arise.
- Processing business licenses in house. Initial notification of businesses has been sent out.
- I will be at the Economic Development Association of Alabama (EDAA) Summer Conference Monday – Wednesday of next week.

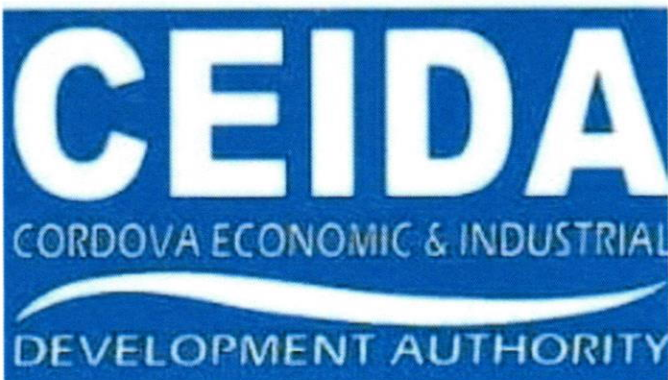
*****There have been 6 new businesses opened in less than 12 months in Cordova!!!!!!!

You're Invited GROUND BREAKING

Friday 17 July 2026 @10 am
157 Main St Cordova



Join the Cordova Economic & Industrial Development Authority (CEIDA) and Magnolia L&H Group as we celebrate the official groundbreaking of a new Triplex development in the City of Cordova. This event marks an important investment in quality, workforce housing and the continued growth of our community. We would be honored to have you join us as we break ground and celebrate this exciting milestone.



Property Features

- Open Concept
- 2 bed/ 1 Bath Units
- 900-915 sqft
- In the Heart of downtown