

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 24**  
**TO UPDATE CHAPTER 10-363 AUTHORITY OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT; DUTIES**  
**IN THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES**  
**FOR THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA**

**SECTION I. PURPOSE.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to update section 10-363 in Chapter 10 Building Regulation, Article VI. Administration and Enforcement.

**SECTION II.** The following section of the City of Cullman, Chapter 10, “Building Regulation,” Section 10-363, “Authority of building department; duties,” of the *Code of Ordinances City of Cullman, Alabama*, is deleted in its entirety and amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 10-363. Authority of building department; duties.**

The building department, through the building inspector, fire marshal or their designee, shall enforce the provisions of this chapter. Authorized agents of the building department are vested with the police power necessary for the purpose of issuing charges and prosecuting persons charged with violating this chapter. In carrying out its duties under this chapter, the building department shall have the following specific duties, in addition to such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the city council:

- (1) To receive applications and issue permits and certificates required by this chapter.
- (2) To make necessary inspections to see that the provisions of this article are met.
- (3) To enforce all laws relating to the construction, alteration, repair, installation, erection, removal, demolition, use, location, and maintenance of properties, buildings, equipment, appliances, or systems, except as may be otherwise provided for in other ordinances or regulatory measures.
- (4) To make investigations in connection with matters referred to in this article and render written reports on the same when requested by the proper authority, or when the city's interests so require.
- (5) To issue notices or orders as may be necessary to enforce compliance with this article, to remove illegal or unsafe conditions or to secure the necessary safeguards.
- (6) To refuse, revoke and/or withhold permits, certificates and/or licenses when violations of the provisions of this chapter are found, construction is found non-compliant with approved plans, potential nuisances and/or trespass conditions may exist.

**SECTION III. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.** Each and every provision of this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an independent provision and that holding of any provision hereof to be void and invalid for any reason shall not affect any other provision hereof and it is hereby declared that the other provisions of this Ordinance would have been enacted regardless of any provision which might have been held invalid. This Ordinance repeals any prior Ordinance in conflict therewith.

**SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall be effective following its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

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President of the City Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

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Mayor

## COUNCIL AGENDA REQUEST

**Date:** January 16, 2026

**Department:** Building Department

**Name:** Brandon Lewis

**Phone:** 256-775-7214

**Email:** blewis@cullmanal.gov

**Type of request (select all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol License   | <input type="checkbox"/> Annexation    | <input type="checkbox"/> Bid Award                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget Amendment  | <input type="checkbox"/> Change Order  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codification Change |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contract Approval | <input type="checkbox"/> Petition      | <input type="checkbox"/> Proclamations                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Comment    | <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution    | <input type="checkbox"/> Rezoning                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Event     | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Abatement | <input type="checkbox"/> Variance                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other             |  |   |

**Reason for Request:**

The intent is to clarify that the building department has authority to revoke or withhold building permits if the provisions of the ordinance are violated.

**Supporting Documentation:**

☒ Attach supporting documentation.

**Signature:**



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**Approval Sequence:**

**1. Administration – City Clerk's Office**

Verifies form is completed and proper documentation is attached.

☒ Approved to Move Forward    ☐ Rejected    ☐ Return to Requestor

**Comments:** Signed by City Clerk

**Signature:** 

**Date:** January 16, 2026 | 2:19 PM CST

**2. Council Committee Chairperson**

Ensures necessity of the requested expense.

☐ Approved to Move Forward    ☐ Rejected    ☐ Return to Admin

**Comments:** Signed by Cullman City Council Place 3

**Signature:** 

**Date:** January 16, 2026 | 2:22 PM CST

**3. Council President**

☒ Approved for Council Agenda    ☐ Rejected    ☐ Return to Committee

**Comments:** Signed by Kim Hall

**Signature:** 

**Date:** January 16, 2026 | 2:35 PM CST

**4. Administration – City Clerk's Office**

☐ Added to Council Agenda

**Date of Meeting:** 01/26/2026

**Comments:** Signed by Wes Moore

**Signature:** 

**Date:** January 20, 2026 | 10:29 AM CST

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