

RESOLUTION NO. 19-xxx

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED SB23
AND OPPOSING ANY ACTION BY THE
ALABAMA LEGISLATURE THAT WOULD RESTRICT OR REMOVE
MUNICIPAL POLICE OR PLANNING JURISDICTIONS**

FINDINGS:

1. The City of Orange Beach and the other municipalities in the State have long been the stewards of the public's health, safety and welfare within the corporate limits and police and planning jurisdictions of their communities.
2. There are bills currently pending before the Alabama Legislature, specifically SB23 by Senator Chris Elliot, which would restrict or remove municipal authority in both their police and planning jurisdictions.
3. The City of Orange Beach and the other municipalities in the State enforce within their police and planning jurisdictions in order to insure the public health, safety, and welfare in these areas and to assist in the planning of future growth for economic development.
4. The City of Orange Beach provides essential services in its police and planning jurisdictions, including but not limited to, police, fire, emergency medical, disaster response and recovery, utilities.
5. The City of Orange Beach is uniquely positioned to most effectively meet the specific needs of its citizens, both within the corporate limits and the police and planning jurisdictions.
6. Loss of these and other City services in the police and planning jurisdiction would cause significant harm to citizens and businesses, including potential increases in business and homeowner's insurance as a result of increased ISO ratings and possible delayed response times for public safety.
7. Loss of these and other City services in the police and planning jurisdictions would disrupt long-standing operational procedures and processes, as well as successful mutual aid partnerships concerning the police and planning jurisdictions.
8. Loss of these and other City services in the police and planning jurisdictions will result in either increased costs to Baldwin County to assume responsibility for those services or force citizens to do without those services if the county cannot afford to assume them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE BEACH, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Orange Beach City Council hereby urges the Alabama State Legislature to oppose Senate Bill 23, and any other bills that would restrict or remove municipal police or planning jurisdiction authority; and
2. That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Representative Bradley Byrne and Senators Richard Shelby and Doug Jones with a request on behalf of the citizens of the City of Orange Beach that they oppose SB23 or similar legislation.

ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF MARCH, 2019.

Renee Eberly, City Clerk

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Renee Eberly, City Clerk of the City of Orange Beach, Alabama, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 19-xxx, which was duly and legally adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on March 19, 2019.

City Clerk