

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-346

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VI
OF THE MADISON CITY CODE PERTAINING TO THE
MADISON CITY DISABILITY ADVOCACY BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Madison City Code provides for the existence, membership, and authority of the Madison City Disability Advocacy Board of the City of Madison (“MCDAB”); and

WHEREAS, the board of MCDAB (“Board”) has recommended certain changes pertaining to the Board’s composition, meeting times, and funding to its organizational ordinance to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Madison, Alabama, has determined that the Board’s proposed revisions will promote the Board’s public purpose, which is to affect positive change in persons with physical or mental impairments that substantially limit one or more major life activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA, as follows:

Section 1: That Chapter 2, Article VI, Section 2-278 entitled “Membership” is hereby repealed and replaced in its entirety as follows in order to require all Board members to be Madison residents:

“Sec. 2-278. Membership.

(a) The board shall be composed of nine voting members. As set forth in Table 2-278, three members of the board shall be appointed by majority vote of the city council and six members of the board shall be appointed by the mayor.

(b) Except for those serving an interim term according to Table 2-278, members shall serve two-year terms.

(c) All members serving as of May 1, 2014, shall be deemed to have been appointed to an interim term which shall expire according to the dates set forth in Table 2-278.

(d) For any place requiring an appointment between May 1, 2014, and that place's expiration date set forth in Table 2-278, such appointment shall be made for an interim term which shall

expire according to the dates set forth in Table 2-278, even if adherence thereto results in an appointment of more than two years.

Table 2-278

Place Number	Residency Required	Appointing Authority	Interim Term Expiration
1	Yes	Mayor	12-31-14
2	Yes	Mayor	12-31-14
3	Yes	Mayor	12-31-14
4	Yes	Mayor	12-31-15
5	Yes	Council	12-31-15
6	Yes	Mayor	12-31-15
7	Yes	Council	12-31-16
8	Yes	Mayor	12-31-16
9	Yes	Council	12-31-16

(e) Upon the expiration of each of the interim terms, every appointment thereafter shall be according to the individual requirements of each place and for a term which carries an expiration date two years from the date of that place's last expiration. This shall be the appointment schedule even if adherence thereto results in an appointment for less than a full two years."

Section 2: That Chapter 2, Article VI, Section 2-279 entitled “Qualification of Members” is hereby repealed and replaced in its entirety as follows:

“Sec. 2-279. Qualification of members.

(a) The membership of the board shall be as follows:

Place 1: An adult with a disability.

Place 2: A parent/caregiver of a person with a disability.

Place 3: A parent/caregiver of a person with a disability.

Place 4: A parent/caregiver of a person with a disability.

Place 5: An employee of the Madison City School Special Education Department.

Place 6: A Madison resident with an interest in promoting issues that affect persons with disabilities.

Place 7: A Madison resident with an interest in promoting issues that affect persons with disabilities.

Place 8: A Madison resident with an interest in promoting issues that affect persons with disabilities.

Place 9: A parent/caregiver of a person with a disability.

(b) In addition to the voting membership defined above, there shall be one ex officio non-voting member from the parks and recreation department and one ex officio non-voting liaison to the city council.

(c) All board members must be bona fide residents of the city.”

Section 3. That Chapter 2, Article VI, Section 2-281 entitled “Organization and Meetings” is hereby repealed and replaced in its entirety as follows:

“Sec. 2-281. Organization and meetings.

The board shall hold regular meetings at such time and place within the city, as it may from time to time determine. The board shall adopt by-laws providing for its own administration, quorum requirements, officers, and other matters not inconsistent with this article.”

Section 4. That Chapter 2, Article VI, Section 2-284 entitled "Funding" is hereby repealed and replaced in its entirety as follows:

"Sec. 2-284. Funding.

Members are encouraged to procure funding through fundraisers and the solicitations of donations and grants made to the city, which the city will disburse specifically for projects that are approved by the board. The city council may make an annual appropriation to the board in the amount that they deem fit."

Section 5. That each section of this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an independent provision and that if any court of competent jurisdiction declares any word, clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph, or provision of this Ordinance hereof to be void and invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect any other word, clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph, or provision hereof.

Section 6. That this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and proper publication as required by law.

READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of September 2026.

Maura Wroblewski,
Council President
City of Madison, Alabama

ATTEST:

Lisa D. Thomas, City Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Ranae Bartlett, Mayor
City of Madison, Alabama