

Resolution No. 2025-30

A Resolution Designating the Jerry D. Coleman Community Center as an Emergency Warming Center During Periods of Freezing Weather.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Fairfield, Alabama, is committed to ensuring the safety, health, and welfare of its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, periods of extremely cold weather, specifically when temperatures drop to or below the freezing mark, pose a significant risk of exposure, hypothermia, and injury to members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to provide a safe, accessible, and temporary space for citizens and visitors to seek refuge from dangerous sub-freezing conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Jerry D. Coleman Community Center is a suitable facility for this emergency purpose; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish clear operational guidelines and ensure staff compensation for the execution of this public safety function.

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

Section 1: Designation of Warming Center

The **Jerry D. Coleman Community Center** is hereby designated as an **Emergency Warming Center** for the citizens and visitors of Fairfield, Alabama.

Section 2: Activation Criteria

The Emergency Warming Center shall be activated and opened to the public whenever the official forecasted or actual ambient temperature drops **below thirty-two degrees Fahrenheit**. The Center shall remain open and operational until the temperature rises and is consistently above the freezing mark.

Section 3: Purpose and Scope of Use

The sole purpose of the activated Emergency Warming Center is to allow citizens and visitors to enter the facility to **get warm**. No formal social services, medical aid, food, or bedding services shall be provided to patrons. Patrons shall be permitted access to the facility's heated space only.

Section 4: Staffing and Compensation

City staff, as designated by the Mayor or City Manager, shall be utilized to monitor and staff the activated Warming Center. Designated staff shall be compensated for their time in accordance with the City's established policies for emergency or off-hours duty, including any applicable overtime.


Section 5: Deactivation

The Emergency Warming Center shall be immediately closed to the public when temperatures are consistently above thirty-two degrees Fahrenheit.

APPROVED this 15th of December, 2025.


Herman Carnes, Jr., Mayor

ATTESTED:


Yvette Reynolds, City Clerk/Treasurer