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City of Taylor Complaint Form:

Against: **Jimmy Hill, Interim Police Chief, City of Taylor, Alabama**

I. COMPLAINANT

Name: [redacted]
Address: [redacted]
Telephone: cell # [redacted]

II. RESPONDENT

Jimmy Hill
Interim Police Chief, City of Taylor Alabama
1469 S. St. Hwy. 605
Taylor, AL 36305

III. STATEMENT OF FACTS

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Among the documents placed on the public table was a City of Taylor Employee Policy and Procedures Manual. During the meeting Mayor Robert Lamb, while addressing the city council, acted as if it was sensitive information the public shouldn't have. A member of the media that was present, Mr. Ricky Stokes, picked up the copy of the manual and reminded the mayor and council the document is public information.

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The following day, **Interim Police Chief Jimmy Hill** appeared at Ms. [redacted] residence with the intent to arrest her for Theft of Property in the Third Degree. Upon learning of the police at her home, she called the City of Taylor and spoke to **Interim Chief Jimmy Hill**. He informed her she had till the end of the business day when city office closed to bring the document to the city office or he would issue a warrant for her arrest. She took the document to the city office with a member of the local news media present, Mr. Ricky Stokes. As she returned the document, **Magistrate Ann Baxter** and **Interim Chief Jimmy Hill** gave Ms. [redacted] a court summons charging her with criminal Third Degree Theft of Property.

The summons issued by **Magistrate Ann Baxter** and certified by **Interim Chief Jimmy Hill**:

1. Charged Theft of Property in the Third Degree as a felony offense;
2. Contained an inaccurate statutory citation reflecting a misdemeanor code section;
3. Was issued without a documented investigation establishing probable cause;
4. Was executed absent any evidence that Ms. [redacted] was informed the documents were restricted or prohibited from removal.

The facts demonstrate that the documents were made publicly available and were not secured, marked confidential, or restricted.

A. ALLEGED ETHICS VIOLATIONS

1. Abuse of Official Position

No public official may use their official position to obtain personal gain or to improperly benefit or harm another.

By certifying a criminal summons under inaccurate statutory authority and without probable cause, **Interim Chief Jimmy Hill** used the authority of his office beyond its lawful scope. If the summons were issued for retaliatory, political, or personal motives, this constitutes abuse of office.

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2. Acting Outside Scope of Official Duties

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A magistrate is required to act as a neutral and detached judicial officer. Issuing a criminal summons without probable cause or based on insufficient factual investigation exceeds that role.

If **Interim Chief Jimmy Hill** failed to ensure probable cause existed before issuing process, such conduct constitutes misuse of authority.

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3. Misuse of Government Resources

Government resources may not be used for non-official purposes. Initiating criminal process absent a lawful basis may constitute misuse of municipal judicial authority.

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4. Conflict of Interest (If Applicable)

If **Interim Chief Jimmy Hill** had any personal involvement in the underlying matter or failed to disclose a conflict, this statute may apply.

B. MALICIOUS PROSECUTION ELEMENTS (For Reference)

Under Alabama law, malicious prosecution requires:

1. Initiation of judicial proceedings
2. Lack of probable cause
3. Malice
4. Favorable termination
5. Damages

The issuance of a criminal summons under an incorrect statute, without investigation, and based on publicly available materials strongly raises probable cause concerns. The demonstrated frustration and anger from Mayor Robert Lamb, with reasonable deduction as well as statements from witness, support the suspicion of political retribution and malice directed by the Mayor Robert Lamb with the help of a city employee **Interim Chief Jimmy Hill.** This is further supported by the speed at which this occurred, within 18 hours of the meeting.

C. ADDITIONAL CONCERNS

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The following facts further support investigation:

- The charge alleged felony conduct, yet cited a misdemeanor code section.
- No documented investigative file existed prior to issuance.
- No city official communicated that removal of documents was prohibited.
- The documents were placed in a location accessible to the public.

The actions of **Magistrate Ann Baxter** and **Interim Chief Jimmy Hill** appear to have exercised authority beyond lawful limits and without adequate evidentiary basis.

D. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

The complainant respectfully requests that the Alabama Ethics Commission:

1. Conduct a formal investigation into **Interim Chief Jimmy Hill**.
2. Determine severity of violations of Ala. Code that occurred.
3. Refer the matter for criminal prosecution if warranted.
4. Impose civil penalties as authorized by law.

E. Persons with Knowledge of the Facts

1. [redacted]
2. [redacted] – witness Ms. [redacted] significant other
3. Ricky Stokes – local media, Ricky Stokes News
4. John Milner – City Councilman Taylor, Alabama
5. Kenny Thompson – City Councilman Taylor, Alabama
6. [redacted]

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City of Taylor Complaint form:

Against: **Ann Baxter, Magistrate, City of Taylor, Alabama**

I. COMPLAINANT

Name: [redacted]
Address: [redacted]
Telephone: cell # [redacted]

II. RESPONDENT

Ann Baxter
Magistrate, City of Taylor Alabama
1469 S. St. Hwy. 605
Taylor, AL 36305

III. STATEMENT OF FACTS

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1. Ethics Violations: Abuse of position

No public official may use their official position to obtain personal gain or to improperly benefit or harm another.

By issuing a criminal summons under inaccurate statutory authority and without probable cause, **Magistrate Ann Baxter** used the authority of her office beyond its lawful scope. If the summons were issued for retaliatory, political, or personal motives, this constitutes abuse of office.

2. Acting Outside Scope of Official Duties

A magistrate is required to act as a neutral and detached judicial officer. Issuing a criminal summons without probable cause or based on insufficient factual investigation exceeds that role.

If **Magistrate Ann Baxter** failed to ensure probable cause existed before issuing process, such conduct constitutes misuse of authority.

3. Misuse of Government Resources

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Government resources may not be used for non-official purposes. Initiating criminal process absent a lawful basis may constitute misuse of municipal judicial authority

4. Conflict of Interest (If Applicable)

If **Magistrate Ann Baxter** had any personal involvement in the underlying matter or failed to disclose a conflict, this statute may

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REQUEST FOR RELIEF

The complainant respectfully requests that the City of Taylor and/or Houston County.

1. Conduct a formal investigation into **Magistrate Ann Baxter**.
2. Determine severity of violations of Ala. Code that occurred.

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E. Persons with Knowledge of the Facts

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4. John Milner – City Councilman Taylor, Alabama
5. Kenny Thompson – City Councilman Taylor, Alabama
6. [redacted]

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City of Taylor Complaint Form:

Against: **Robert Lamb, Mayor, City of Taylor, Alabama**

I. COMPLAINANT

Name: [redacted]
Address: [redacted]
Telephone: cell # [redacted]

II. RESPONDENT

Robert Lamb
Mayor, City of Taylor Alabama
1469 S. St. Hwy. 605
Taylor, AL 36305

III. STATEMENT OF FACTS

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The following day February 4th, 2026, **Interim Police Chief Jimmy Hill** appeared at Ms. [redacted] residence with the intent to arrest her for Theft of Property in the Third Degree. Upon learning of the police at her home, she called the City of Taylor and spoke to **Interim Chief Jimmy Hill**. He informed her she had till the end of the business day when city office closed to bring the document to the city office or he would issue a warrant for her arrest. She took the document to the city office with a member of the local news media present, Mr. Ricky Stokes. As she returned the document, **Magistrate Ann Baxter** and **Interim Chief Jimmy Hill** gave Ms. [redacted] a court summons charging her with Third Degree Theft of Property. This was done to Ms. [redacted] at the direction of **Mayor Robert Lamb**.

The summons issued by **Magistrate Ann Baxter**:

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Prior to the following city council meeting to be held February 17, 2026, Ms. [redacted] called the city office the morning of February 13, 2026, and asked to be placed on the agenda for the city council meeting on the 17th. The individual who answered the phone relayed for the **City Clerk Sofia Rogers**, the city has a policy stating she must request to be put on the agenda 7 days prior. Ms. [redacted] requested a copy of the policy be emailed to her and provided the office with a valid email address. About 4:00 pm that afternoon, Ms. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] called and asked why she hadn't received the policy and to be put on the agenda. This time Ms. [redacted] spoke directly with the **City Clerk Sofia Rogers. City Clerk Sofia Rogers** gave several lies as to why Ms. [redacted] would not be allowed to speak. The first lie was to again state there was a city policy stating she had to request 7 days prior to be put on the agenda. **City Clerk Sofia Rogers** then added Ms. [redacted] had to come into the city office and fill out the request in person, provide a reason for speaking, and **Mayor Robert Lamb** would decide if it would be approved for her to speak. When Ms. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] reiterated send us a copy of the city policy approved by the council, **City Clerk Sofia Rogers** admitted there is no approved policy in writing that she could find. Ms. [redacted] responded, if there is no policy she has a right to be able to address the council and to put her on the

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agenda. **City Clerk Sofia Rogers** then lied again stating that this had been the city policy and process in place that her predecessor used, so she would continue to use it until she had reason otherwise. Mr. [redacted] informed **City Clerk Sofia Rogers,** that was not a policy used by her predecessor, because he had been added to the agenda to speak at previous council meetings the day prior to the meetings without issue or reservation. That had occurred as recently as the previous spring and summer. **City Clerk Sofia Rogers** then admitted she didn't know of any policy, but she had contacted the State League of Municipalities to find a copy of a policy. When pushed to be added to the agenda to speak, **City Clerk Sofia Rogers** asked what the reason Ms. [redacted] wanted to speak and was told by Mr. [redacted] it was to address the city council about the malicious inappropriate actions of the mayor towards Ms. [redacted] **City Clerk Sofia Rogers'** response was that she would run it by **Mayor Robert Lamb** and he would decide.

On the evening of February 17, 2026, Ms. [redacted] upon arriving at the City Council meeting, **City Clerk Sofia Rogers** informed Ms. [redacted] she would not be permitted to speak at the meeting. **City Clerk Sofia Rogers** gave Ms. [redacted] a generic and unofficial form for her created by **City Clerk Sofia Rogers** and/or **Mayor Robert Lamb,** to be filled out for future meetings with his right to approve or disapprove any request.

Mayor Robert Lamb then attempted to corner Mr. [redacted] while he was talking to Mr. Brandon Shoupe the Houston County Commissioner. **Mayor Robert Lamb** attempted to intimidate Mr. [redacted] and Ms. [redacted] into not speaking publicly at a City Council meeting. **Mayor Robert Lamb** threatened to show and display the security video of Ms. [redacted] taking the copy of the city employee handbook. He made it clear that he would describe the situation as theft and her as a thief. Mr. [redacted] defended Ms. [redacted] explaining the video would only show her taking a copy of public information from a public meeting. Mr. [redacted] indicated the mayor's attempt to scare Ms. [redacted] was not valid, just like his attempt to charge Ms. [redacted] with a felony. **Mayor Robert Lamb** denied that they (**Interim Police Chief Jimmy Hill, Magistrate Ann Baxter,** and **Mayor Robert Lamb**) had attempted to charge her with a crime. This was most likely due to not wanting to incriminate himself in front of the Houston County Commissioner, who witnessed the conversation. However, it is proven that they attempted to charge Ms. [redacted] with a felony based on the Summons provided.

When **Mayor Robert Lamb** and **City Clerk Sofia Rogers** were questioned by the city council members during the meeting, both confirmed that the 7-day written request for a citizen to speak was a city policy. **Mayor Robert Lamb** and **City Clerk Sofia Rogers** would not tell the council where the policy came from, when it was created, or who approved it; but it was the policy.

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1. Alleged Ethics violations/Abuse of Official Position

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No public official may use their official position to obtain personal gain or to improperly benefit or harm another.

By directing his Interim Police Chief and Magistrate to issue a criminal summons under inaccurate statutory authority and without probable cause, **Mayor Robert Lamb** used the authority of his office beyond its lawful scope. If the summons were issued for retaliatory, political, or personal motives, this constitutes abuse of office.

The Mayor supervises city affairs and manages city departments, while the Council (legislative) passes ordinances and creates policy.

By creating city policy without the approval and vote of the city council, **Mayor Robert Lamb** and **City Clerk Sofia Rogers** abused their position, created illegitimate policy to impose on citizens, and take away the authority of the Taylor City Council.

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2. Acting Outside Scope of Official Duties

A mayor is not a judicial officer or police officer with the authority to have a citizen arrested or charged with a crime. Issuing a criminal summons without probable cause or based on insufficient factual investigation exceeds authority, duty, and role as mayor.

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3. Misuse of Government Resources

Government resources may not be used for non-official purposes. Initiating criminal process absent a lawful basis with the intent of political malice may constitute misuse authority and city resources.

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4. Conflict of Interest (If Applicable)

If **Mayor Robert Lamb** had any personal involvement in the underlying matter or failed to disclose a conflict, this statute may apply.

Criminal Coercion

Under Alabama law, offenses involving danger to the person and criminal coercion:

A person commits the crime of criminal coercion if, without legal authority, he threatens to confine, restrain or to cause physical injury to the threatened person or another, or to damage the property or reputation of the threatened person or another with intent

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thereby to induce the threatened person or another against his will to do an unlawful act or refrain from doing a lawful act.

Criminal coercion may apply, by attempting to damage Ms. [redacted] reputation, embarrass her in a public manner, and threaten her with an unjustified felony offense, **Mayor Robert Lamb** attempted to silence Ms. [redacted] from speaking or criticizing him at city meetings or in public places. This may constitute coercion.

Right to Free Speech and Protection from Discrimination

The US Constitution, Federal Laws, and State Laws prevent an unjust loss of the right to Freedom of Speech. They also prevent people from being discriminated upon for reasonable political views or opinions.

Mayor Robert Lamb and **City Clerk Sofia Rogers** through their actions have likely trampled Ms. [redacted] freedom of speech with an illegitimate policy they created and not approved by the city council. It is unconstitutional to use coercion or abuse of power to silence one's critics.

ADDITIONAL CONCERNS

The following facts further support investigation:

The Interim Police Chief was appointed 45 minutes after **Mayor Robert Lamb** took office while firing the standing Police Chief without cause or approval of the City Council. **Mayor Robert Lamb** appointed him regardless of knowing **Interim Chief Jimmy Hill** was suspended from his previous position as a Police Chief of another municip.

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REQUEST FOR RELIEF

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City of Taylor Complaint form:

Against: **Sofia Rogers, City Clerk, City of Taylor, Alabama**

I. COMPLAINANT

Name: [redacted]
Address: [redacted]
Telephone: cell # [redacted]

II. RESPONDENT

Sofia Rogers
City Clerk, City of Taylor Alabama
1469 S. St. Hwy. 605
Taylor, AL 36305

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A. Abuse of Official Position

No public official may use their official position to obtain personal gain or to improperly benefit or harm another.

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By assisting **Mayor Robert Lamb** in misleading citizens and the city council about a policy **City Clerk Sofia Rogers** and **Mayor Robert Lamb** fabricated and claiming to have verified, she abused her position and trust with the citizens in the community and the council members.

In Alabama, the City Clerk serves as the official custodian of records, recording, filing, and managing all official city transactions. Key duties include attending council meetings, keeping the official journal/minutes, maintaining ordinances and resolutions, serving as the city seal custodian, and managing municipal elections.

By creating city policy without the approval and vote of the city council, **Mayor Robert Lamb** and **City Clerk Sofia Rogers** abused their position, created illegitimate policy to impose on citizens, and take away the authority of the Taylor City Council. Furthermore, **Mayor Robert Lamb** and **City Clerk Sofia Rogers** attempted to restrict rights of free speech and deny critics of their agenda the ability to address the city council.

B. Conflict of Interest (If Applicable)

If **Mayor Robert Lamb** and **City Clerk Sofia Rogers** had any personal involvement in the underlying matter or failed to disclose a conflict, this statute may apply.

C. Criminal Assistance

Under Alabama law, offenses involving criminal assistance:

A person renders “criminal assistance” to another if he:

(1) Harbors or conceals such person;

(2) Warns such person of impending discovery or apprehension; except that this subdivision does not apply to a warning given in connection with an effort to bring another into compliance with the law;

(3) Provides such person with money, transportation, weapon, disguise or other means of avoiding discovery or apprehension;

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(4) Prevents or obstructs, by means of force, deception or intimidation, anyone except a trespasser from performing an act that might aid in the discovery or apprehension of such person; or

(5) Suppresses, by an act of concealment, alteration or destruction, any physical evidence that might aid in the discovery or apprehension of such person.

If **City Clerk Sofia Rogers** knowingly tried to obstruct Ms. [redacted] from addressing the city counsel members in an effort to hide **Mayor Robert Lamb's** actions this statute may apply. This statute may also apply in **City Clerk Sofia Rogers** attempt to prevent the City Council from questioning the mayor and creating a policy if one did not exist.

D. Right to Free Speech and Protection from Discrimination

The US Constitution, Federal Laws, and State Laws prevent an unjust loss of the right to Freedom of Speech. They also prevent people from being discriminated upon for reasonable political views or opinions.

Mayor Robert Lamb and **City Clerk Sofia Rogers** through their actions have likely trampled Ms. [redacted] freedom of speech with an illegitimate policy they created and not approved by the city council. It is unconstitutional to use coercion or abuse of power to silence one's critics.

E. ADDITIONAL CONCERNS

The following facts further support investigation:

- **City Clerk Sofia Rogers** was appointed after **Mayor Robert Lamb** won the election and now working with him in a questionable manner that may disregard her civic duties as city clerk in support of him and not the community or Alabama Code.
- The Interim Police Chief was appointed 45 minutes after **Mayor Robert Lamb** took office while firing the standing Police Chief without cause or approval of the City Council. **Mayor Robert Lamb** appointed him regardless of knowing **Interim Chief Jimmy Hill** was suspended from his previous position as a Police Chief of another municipality, under criminal or ethical investigation. Was **Interim Chief Jimmy Hill's** questionable morals and ethics the reason **Mayor Robert Lamb** appointed **Interim Chief Jimmy Hill?**
- No documented investigative file existed prior to issuance.
- No city official communicated that removal of documents was prohibited.
- The documents were placed in a location accessible to the public.

These are the complainant's own allegations, posted as filed.

F. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

The complainant respectfully requests that the City of Taylor and/or Houston County:

1. Conduct a formal investigation into **City Clerk Sofia Rogers**.
2. Determine severity of violations of Alabama Code that occurred.
3. Refer the matter for criminal prosecution if warranted.
4. Impose civil penalties as authorized by law.

G. Persons with Knowledge of the Facts

1. [redacted]
2. [redacted] – witness Ms. [redacted] significant other
3. Ricky Stokes – local media, Ricky Stokes News
4. John Milner – City Councilman Taylor, Alabama
5. Kenny Thompson – City Councilman Taylor, Alabama
6. Brandon Shoupe – Houston County Commissioner
7. [redacted]

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SUMMONS TO APPEAR

Summons Number 26-000000048
Case Number MC26-0001

IN THE MUNICIPAL (Circuit, District, or Municipal) COURT OF TAYLOR (Name of Municipality or County), ALABAMA

☐ STATE OF ALABAMA ☒ MUNICIPALITY OF TAYLOR

[redacted], Defendant

IDENTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT

Name of Defendant	Telephone Number
[redacted]	

Address	City	State	Zip Code

☒ **Probable cause has been found on Complaint filed against you in this Court,** charging you with committing the offense(s) of: THEFT OF PROPERTY 3RD / Removeable of Gov. Property within the above-stated municipality, or police jurisdiction thereof, in violation of Ordinance Number/Section, 2010-3, which embraces Section 13A-8-5, Code of Alabama 1975.

YOU ARE, THEREFORE, ORDERED TO APPEAR IN PERSON BEFORE THIS COURT AS FOLLOWS:
PLACE: Taylor Municipal Court 1469 South County Rd 59 / US 605 Taylor AL 36301
DATE: 2-12-26 TIME: 9:00 AM

YOU ARE ALSO ORDERED TO APPEAR AS FOLLOWS AND BRING THIS SUMMONS WITH YOU:
NA
OFFICE: Taylor Police Department
LOCATED AT: 1469 South County Road 59 Taylor, AL
DATE: TIME:
FOR THE PURPOSE(S) OF: ☐ Photographing ☐ Fingerprinting
NA

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AS HEREIN ORDERED, or if there appears to be reasonable cause to believe that you will fail to appear, an Arrest Warrant shall be issued for your arrest. Your appearance or failure to appear may be taken into consideration by the Court in any consideration of conditions of release (bail), probation, or suspension of sentence in your case.

Date: 2/4/26

Ann Barber Court Clerk
Judge/Magistrate/Clerk Magistrate

RETURN ON SERVICE

☐ Return receipt of certified mail served on _____ received in this office on _____, 20 ____. (Attached copy of of return receipt)

☒ I certify that I personally delivered a copy of the Summons to Appear to [redacted] in Houston County, Alabama on 2-14, 20 26

Date: 2/4/26 By: [signature] Title: Chief
Server's Signature