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COMPLAINT

I. **Complainant's Name** [redacted]
(Person making complaint)

Address : 140 [redacted] Rd, Dothan, AL 36305

City/County/State/Zip : Taylor, Houston County, AL 36305

Home and Cell Phone : Cell [redacted]

E-mail address [redacted]

Place of Employment : N/A

Employer's Address :

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(Person against whom complaint is made)

Address : 1469 S. St. Hwy. 605

City/County/State/Zip : Taylor, Houston County, AL 36305

Phone number : (334) 677-5079

Place of Employment : City of Taylor, Alabama

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BEFORE THE ALABAMA ETHICS COMMISSION

Montgomery, Alabama

ETHICS COMPLAINT

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I. COMPLAINANT

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

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Taylor, AL 36305

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Montgomery, Alabama

ETHICS COMPLAINT

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

I. COMPLAINANT

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

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to be able to address the council and to put her on the 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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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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B. Criminal Coercion

AL Code § 13A-6-25

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

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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.

C. 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.

D. 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 municipality, under criminal or ethical investigation. Was **Interim Chief Jimmy Hill's**

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I. **Complainant's Name** : [redacted]
(Person making complaint)

Address : [redacted]

City/County/State/Zip : [redacted]

Home and Cell Phone : Cell [redacted]

E-mail address : [redacted]

Place of Employment : N/A

Employer's Address :

City/County/State/Zip :

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II. **Respondent's Name and Title/Position Held** : Sofia Rogers, City Clerk, City of Taylor, Alabama
(Person against whom complaint is made)

Address : 1469 S. St. Hwy. 605

City/County/State/Zip : Taylor, Houston County, AL 36305

Phone number : (334) 677-5079

Place of Employment : City of Taylor, Alabama

Date of Occurrence : February 13, 2026

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Please set forth, in detail, the specific charges against the Respondent and factual allegations which support such charges. The space provided below is not intended to limit your statement of facts. Please feel free to attach additional sheets if necessary. Please include relevant dates and the names and addresses of other persons you believe to have knowledge of the facts.

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BEFORE THE ALABAMA ETHICS COMMISSION

Montgomery, Alabama

ETHICS COMPLAINT

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

III. STATEMENT OF FACTS

On February 3rd, 2026, the City of Taylor conducted a regularly scheduled city council meeting. During that meeting, various documents were placed on a table accessible to members of the public. These documents were openly available without restriction. No signage was posted prohibiting removal of documents, and no city official verbally instructed attendees that the materials were not to be taken.

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 last topic of the meeting was brought up by Ms. [redacted] She questioned the mayor about suddenly ending a plan for stray animals found within the city. He had announced the plan with the approval of the city council the previous meeting. She and others criticized his sudden cancelation of the plan and refusal to make a new plan or address the situation. He abruptly ended the meeting that night.

Following the meeting, [redacted] gathered the document, which is public information, from the publicly accessible table and after a few minutes left the building under normal circumstances.

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**:

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.

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] and Mr. [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

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policy she has a right to be able to address the council and to put her on the agenda. **City Clerk Sofia Rogers** then lied again stating that this had been the city policy and process in place which 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, if it existed. 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.

A. Abuse of Official Position

Ala. Code § 36-25-5(a)

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

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.

Ala. Code § 11-43 and **Ala. Code §11-44**

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)

Ala. Code § 36-25-7

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

AL Code § 13A-10-42

Under Alabama law, offenses involving criminal assistance:

A person renders "criminal assistance" to another if he:

(1) Harbors or conceals such person;

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(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;

(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**

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questionable morals and ethics the reason **Mayor Robert Lamb** appointed **Interim Chief Jimmy Hill?**

- No documented investigative file existed prior to issuance.
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Address : [redacted]

City/County/State/Zip : [redacted]

Home and Cell Phone : Cell [redacted]

E-mail address [redacted]

Place of Employment : N/A

Employer's Address :

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Address : 1469 S. St. Hwy. 605

City/County/State/Zip : Taylor, Houston County, AL 36305

Phone number : (334) 677-5079

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Montgomery, Alabama

ETHICS COMPLAINT

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

III. STATEMENT OF FACTS

On April 21, 2026, the City of Taylor conducted a regularly scheduled city council meeting. During that meeting, **Sofia Rogers, Clerk for City of Taylor** was presented a **Petition for a Recall Election** for Mayor Robert Lamb in accordance with Alabama State Law and Code.

Among the documents presented at that time to **Sofia Rogers, Clerk for City of Taylor** was a document with the applicable laws under chapter 11 (attached below) and a copy of the petition (also attached below). The same items were presented to the city council members and the mayor of Taylor.

Under Section 11-44E-168, **Sofia Rogers, Clerk for City of Taylor** had **30 days** to conduct the Recall Election. City Clerk Sophia Rogers **did not** conduct the election as required by state law within those 30 days, after the allotted time frame, and has no known intentions to do so.

At the first city council meeting in June, one of the council members gave [redacted] a response from the City Clerk. Ms. [redacted] is one of the citizens who helped organize the petition. It was a generic printed page with cut and paste information from unknown sources, the City Clerk gave to Councilmen Thompson claiming to be a response from the Alabama League of Municipalities (ALM). ALM's response felt the only way to remove an elected mayor in Alabama is through impeachment by the state's Attorney General or District Attorney and that recall elections were not valid. There was

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nothing on the page indicating who at the ALM created this response or if it actually came from them. Further research identified the ALM is a private consultant company or organization, *which has no authority in the State of Alabama*.

As **Sofia Rogers, Clerk for City of Taylor** has already shown issues with integrity and been caught openly lying to the city council, I contacted the ALM Legal team through email to verify information. I questioned if the clerk's response to the petition included actual information from them. I continued by describing the information presented in the state code and questioned what legal standing there was to ignore the applicable laws under Chapter 11-44.

A week later (middle of June) the head of the legal team at the ALM, Rob Johnson called and left me a message wanting to talk about my email. I was able to reach him the next day on June 17, 2026. He would not confirm his response to Sophia Rogers as the City Clerk, as it was attorney client privilege. I asked general questions about their position on recall elections. He replied that in their view the law covering recall elections does not apply. He said they preferred to look at section 11-43 of the state law. I countered, the title of section 11-44 specifically identifies incorporated municipalities, of which the city of Taylor is, and **preference does not exempt the law**. He next debated it applies to class 5 municipalities only. I pointed out the word "only" is in the title for chapter 11 covering all incorporated municipalities together and not in the sub-title Section of 11-44E where it describes the purpose and ability to conduct a recall. I further supported my stance with Section 11-44F which says all rules and responsibilities described in Chapter 11 apply to a mayor of a class 8 municipality. This specifically tells a class 8 municipality to follow the code of ethics outlined in Section 11-44E

Mr. Johnson then replied they feel the law is outdated. **I asked what law has been passed or judicial ruling made that rendered it outdated.** He responded that, **there is not one**. I questioned him next about what to do if the City Clerk would not conduct the Recall Election in accordance with the law. He responded that we could appeal to the state's Attorney General. The petition and information has been sent to Secretary of State and messages sent to the Attorney General of Alabama, and waiting for a reply. His next option was to seek legal counsel and attempt to debate it in court, which would be at a personal expense to the citizen.

This is a legal fight that should not be an issue. The ALM's response and/or lack of response reaffirmed these are applicable laws. The **City Clerk Sofia Rogers** is aware of the state law and codes and has refused to conduct the Recall Election in accordance with those laws and codes. **City Clerk Sofia Rogers'** legal counsel is also aware she has no legal standing to ignore Alabama State Code and Law. Yet, **City Clerk Sofia Rogers** has no intention of completing her job in accordance with Alabama State Code and Law.

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7. Aubrana Peterman – City Councilman Taylor, Alabama
8. Billy Snell – Previous Mayor of Taylor, Alabama

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Address : 1469 S. St. Hwy. 605

City/County/State/Zip : Taylor, Houston County, AL 36305

Phone number : (334) 677-5079

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Montgomery, Alabama

ETHICS COMPLAINT

Against: **Timothy Miller, Interim Police Chief, City of Taylor, Alabama**

I. COMPLAINANT

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

II. RESPONDENT

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

III. STATEMENT OF FACTS

I am submitting this formal complaint regarding the actions of Interim Police Chief Timothy Miller on July 10, 2026, at our residence.

On July 10, 2026, Interim Police Chief Timothy Miller came to my property while a friend and professional was painting my attached garage. My residence is situated more than 100 yards from the main roadway, and the garage is positioned so that its interior cannot be viewed from the public road. The garage does not face the roadway and is physically attached to my home. As such, it is considered part of the home itself, and is without a doubt within the home's constitutionally protected curtilage, under both state and federal laws and judicial rulings.

Without first attempting to contact me or my significant other [redacted] without obtaining consent, and without possessing a search warrant or any valid probable cause of any criminal activity; Interim Police Chief Timothy Miller drove onto my property, exited his vehicle, and walked directly into my attached garage and home without invitation or consent. We have reviewed this and saved it from our home security cameras. Once inside, he began questioning the painter whether a building permit had been obtained and whether, we as homeowners were attempting to move someone into the garage implying some criminal act. He claimed there had been a report of un-permitted construction being completed. There is no requirement to obtain a permit for painting a garage. His baseless and insinuating line of question was an attempt to justify his warrantless unauthorized search of our home.

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At no time did Interim Police Chief Timothy Miller attempt to contact either me or my significant other before entering part of our home. We were both in the home in other parts of the house at the time. There was no emergency, no report of criminal activity, and no exigent circumstances that would have justified a warrantless entry into our constitutionally protected home. He made no attempt to make us aware of his unauthorized presence in our home. If there had been a basis for a claim of un-permitted work, this would be the responsibility of a building inspector or possibly code enforcement officer as this is not a criminal activity. And they would still have to follow civil and criminal law, which would not give them permission to illegally enter our home.

It is not a coincidence; within the last few weeks we had questioned the mayor in public at a city council meeting about the possible poor judgement of hiring Timothy Miller and appointing him Interim Police Chief with his questionable history of previous employment as a Taylor Police Officer. The mayor responded by yelling angerly at me about how he was a qualified law enforcement officer and blaming others for Officer Miller being fired from Taylor previously. It is also not an unlikely coincidence; the day prior to illegally entering our home, he had followed [redacted] home and slow rolled past her driving up the street as she stopped to check the mail. Interim Police Chief Timothy Miller claimed he was at our home based on an anonymous tip of un-permitted construction being done. This was a baseless unsubstantiated reason Interim Police Chief Timothy Miller used as an excuse to invade our privacy and violate our rights in an attempt to intimidate and harass us.

The Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution protects citizens against unreasonable searches and seizures. These protections extend to the home and areas intimately associated with it. Because my garage is physically attached to my residence, it is part of our home and enjoys the same constitutional protection afforded to the home itself. The plain view doctrine does not authorize officers to enter private property or protected areas of a residence in order to create a vantage point from which evidence can be observed. This was an obvious attempt at a unreasonable search hoping to find unknown evidence as a reason to continue and further his attempt to intimidate and harass us through an attempt at discovering or creating questionable legal findings.

A. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

The complainant respectfully requests that the Alabama Ethics Commission:

1. Conduct a formal investigation into Interim Police Chief Timothy Miller and his actions.
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3. Inform the City of Taylor's City Council Members of Timothy Miller's status as a Law Enforcement Officer at the conclusion of the investigation.

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B. Persons with Knowledge of the Facts

1. [redacted] – Home Owner
2. [redacted] – Home Owner
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