10 Jack Gray Way, Helena AL 35080
City Hall Council Chambers

Helena City Council **October 26, 2026**

Council Work Session **5:00pm**

1. **Review of all 10/26/2026 agenda items**
2. **AP/Bill Payments**
3. **10/15/2026 Meeting Minutes Review**
4. **Update from Council Boards and Committee Boards**
5. **Discussion of FYE 27 Budget**
6. **Discussion of Ordinance 1045-2026 E-Bikes**
7. **Sign up for public comment with the city clerk. Three (3) minutes per resident**

City Council Meeting Agenda **6:00pm**

1. **Meeting called to order**
2. **Invocation**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Council Roll Call**
5. **Presentation of Minutes from 10/15/2026**
6. **Revenue Report and (AP) Bill Payment**
7. **Municipal Operations Report: Mayor Rosener Departments: Police, Fire, Library, Parks, Public Works, Inspections, Administration and Utilities**
8. **Approve/Deny Final Plat Barimore 2 Phase 1 SDPR 61 lots Newcastle Construction with a favorable recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission on October 15, 2026.**
9. **Appointment of new members to Beautification Board**
10. **Resolution Declaring November Epilepsy Awareness Month**
11. **Presentation and Recognition of TAG Grant Awards Recipients**
12. **Public Comment for FY2027 Budget**
11. **Period for Public Comment-Three (3) minutes per resident, to sign in with the city clerk between work session and council meeting**
12. **Council Comments**
13. **Adjourn**

Proper notice of the posted Agenda for the Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Helena City Council was given in advance of such a public meeting and the notice remained posted throughout the scheduled meeting. By general consent of the Council agenda items may be considered out of order. Next Helena City Council Meeting Date: Monday, November 9, 2026, at 5:00pm

Posted: 10/21/2026

ORDINANCE

1045-2026

WHEREAS, the City of Helena finds that the increasing use of electric bicycles ("e-bikes") on public streets, sidewalks, trails, and other public ways presents important public safety considerations for pedestrians, motorists, and riders, including concerns related to speed, interaction with non-motorized traffic, and operation in congested areas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Helena further finds that reasonable regulations governing the operation of e-bikes are necessary to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the public, to reduce the risk of collisions and injuries, and to ensure the safe and orderly use of public rights-of-way and public property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Helena is a Alabama Class 8 municipality vested with the power and authority to enact ordinances and regulations to protect the public peace, health, safety, and welfare, and to regulate the use of streets, sidewalks, and other public places, pursuant to the City's police powers and all other applicable constitutional, statutory, and charter authority; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish clear, enforceable standards for e-bike operation within the City to enhance public safety and provide guidance to riders and enforcement personnel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Helena, Alabama as follows:

Section 1. Definitions:

Operate: to ride, and/or otherwise control a bicycle, micromobility, or electric motorcycle device other than walking along with such device.

Sidewalk: (1) the portion of the public right-of-way between the curb line of any street, road, highway, bicycle lane, or other thoroughfare designed for vehicular travel and the adjacent property line, (2) any other paved path or walkway, which is intended for pedestrian travel, whether publicly or privately owned and/or maintained

Multi-use Path: a pathway within the corporate limits of the city that has been designated by the city council as appropriate for multi-use, such as the Hillsboro Trail and Buck Creek Trail

Bicycle: a vehicle composed of two wheels held in a frame propelled by pedals moved by human force alone and steered with handlebars.

Electric Bicycle: a bicycle equipped with fully operable pedals, a saddle or seat for the rider, and an electric motor of less than 750 watts, classified under Ala.Code § 32-5A-267, that meets the requirements of one of the following three classes:

a. **Class I** electric bicycle means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

b. **Class 2** electric bicycle means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

c. **Class 3** electric bicycle means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour.

Electric Motorcycle: any motorcycle powered by an electric motor of 750 watts or more that is capable of a speed greater than 28 miles per hour. These are commonly referred to as "E-Moto."

Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device: an electric-driven self-balanced vehicle. Some commonly known examples are Segway, Hoverboard, and electric skateboards.

Motorized Scooter: a two-wheeled electric or gas scooter with handlebars and a seat or rectangular platform on which the rider stands

Micromobility Device: an electric bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, scooter, or any other similar electrically powered mobility device.

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): a unique code or serial number that is assigned to vehicles and recognized by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. VINs are used by local, state, and federal governments and the automotive industry to identify individual vehicles.

Section 2. Vehicles assigned a VIN

Any person operating a vehicle that is assigned a VIN shall at all times conform to all applicable laws pertaining to the operation of said vehicle. This includes but is not limited to: driver's license possession, license plate or tag possession, and possession of liability insurance.

This provision does not include the operation of golf carts that have been inspected and permitted by the City of Helena under ordinance 908-2022.

Section 3. Unlawful operation of electric motorcycles.

(a) **Locations:** It shall be unlawful to operate electric motorcycles on any sidewalk, multi-use path, trail, pedestrian lane or bicycle lane, park, or any other public or private property which is held open to the public for pedestrian travel.

(1) The operation of electric motorcycles shall be restricted to public roadways and to private property which is not held open to the public for pedestrian travel

(b) **Operations:** It shall be unlawful and a violation of this ordinance for any person to operate or for any adult to allow a juvenile under their care to operate an electric motorcycle in an unsafe manner on any street, road, highway, sidewalk, bike path, bike lane, trail, park, or upon any private property which is held open to the public for pedestrian travel. Operating an electric motorcycle in an unsafe manner includes any one or more of the following:

(1) Violating any provision of the City of Helena Municipal Code, Alabama Rules of the Road, or other law or regulation applicable to the use or operation of any electric motorcycle.

(2) On any street, road, highway, or bicycle lane against the direction of traffic.

(3) Operating upon any public drainage facility, culvert, ditch, or channel.

(4) Operating other than in the manner in which the electric motorcycle device was designed, including carrying more than one passenger or carrying passengers in a manner other than as

designed.

(5) Operating at a speed greater than the posted speed limit on any street, road, or highway.

(6) Operating while hitched to or physically attached to any moving vehicle or motorized device or bicycle.

(7) Operating while allowing another person who is not a passenger to either cling to or to be physically attached to the electric motorcycle.

(8) Failing to yield the right-of-way to any and all pedestrians.

(9) Operating while failing to obey any posted signs regulating operation, including speed limit signs or signs prohibiting or limiting operation in specific areas.

(10) A person under the age of 16 operating without a properly fitted and fastened helmet, including a passenger under the age of 16.

(c) Operators of electric motorcycles shall conform to the City of Helena Municipal Code, Alabama Rules of the Road, and other law or regulation applicable to the use or operation of motor vehicles. This includes but is not limited to: driver's license possession, age restrictions for operation, adherence to speed limits, the use of safety equipment, possession of registration and liability insurance, and careless operation.

Section 4. Unlawful operation of micromobility devices and bicycles.

(a) **Locations & Speed Limits:**

(1) The City Council of Helena designates the speed limits for bicycles and micromobility devices on multi-use paths at fifteen (10) miles per hour.

(2) The City Council of Helena designates the speed limits for bicycles and micromobility devices on all portions of the non-paved trail at twelve (10) miles per hour.

The Mayor is authorized to cause signs and/or markings to be placed giving notice of such speed limits or prohibitions as necessary to implement the regulations established by Subsection(s) (a1) and (a2) above.

(b) **Operation:**

It shall be unlawful and a violation of this ordinance for any person to operate or for any adult to allow a juvenile under their care to operate a bicycle or micromobility device in an unsafe manner on any street, road, highway, sidewalk, bike path, bike lane, trail, park, or upon any

private property which is held open to the public for pedestrian travel. Operating a bicycle or micromobility device in an unsafe manner includes any one or more of the following:

(1) Violating any provision of the City of Helena Municipal Code, Alabama Rules of the Road, or other law or regulation applicable to the use or operation of any mobility device.

(2) Operating on any street, road, highway, or bicycle lane against the direction of traffic.

(3) Operating upon any public drainage facility, culvert, ditch, or channel.

(4) Operating other than in the manner in which the bicycle or micromobility device was designed, including carrying more than one passenger or carrying passengers on the bicycle or micromobility device in a manner other than as designed.

(5) Operating at a speed greater than the posted speed limit on any street, road, or highway, or any posted speed limit on any bicycle path, bicycle lane, trail, or designated multi-use path.

(6) Operating while hitched to or physically attached to any moving vehicle or motorized device or bicycle.

(7) Operating while allowing another person who is not a passenger to either cling to or to be physically attached to the bicycle or micromobility device.

(8) Failing to yield the right-of-way to any and all pedestrians or failing to yield the right-of-way to vehicles that are entering or exiting side streets, public and private entrances and exits, and driveways.

(9) Passing a pedestrian or other operator without first either activating a bell, horn, whistle, or similar device or audibly warning such pedestrian or cyclist of the intention to pass by calling out "passing on your left (or right)" sufficiently in advance of passing.

(10) Operating while failing to obey any posted signs regulating operation, including speed limit signs or signs prohibiting or limiting operation in specific areas.

(11) A person under the age of 16 operating without a properly fitted and fastened helmet, including a passenger under the age of 16.

(12) While operating on sidewalks and multi-use paths, failing to

slow to 10 mph or less when passing head-on or passing from behind any pedestrian, vehicle, golf cart, or micromobility device.

(13) Failing to slow to 10 mph or less when operating within 50 feet of any pedestrians.

Section 5. Alteration of Devices

It shall be unlawful and a violation of this article to tamper with or modify a micromobility device or electric motorcycle so as to change the speed capability of the device, or otherwise alter, modify, or adjust the motor settings to increase the speed capability of the device, unless the required label indicating the classification is appropriately replaced. Altered devices shall be classified in the category representing the resulting motor and speed capability of the device for purposes of enforcement of this article.

Section 6. Administration and Penalties

The city's police chief or designee shall be responsible for the administration and enforcement of this article.

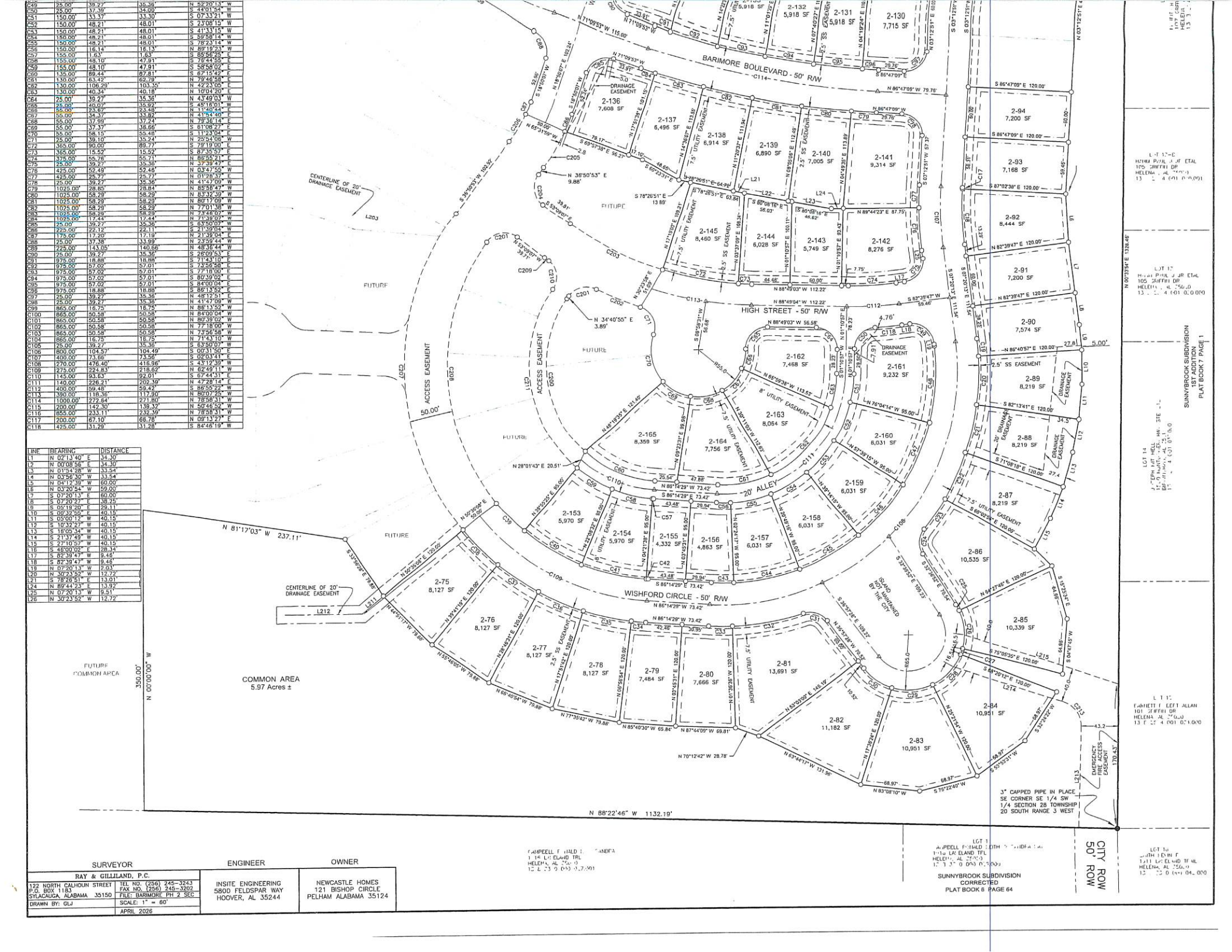
The police chief shall have authority to adopt policies and procedures to administer this article consistent with the purpose and intent of this article.

Any person convicted of a violation of this article shall be not fined more than $500.00 and or imprisoned not more than 30 days.

That all ordinances or parts in conflict with this ordinance, to the extent of such conflict, are repealed; and

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

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C49	25.00'	39.27'	35.36'	N 52°20'13" W
C50	25.00'	37.39'	34.00'	S 44°01'54" W
C51	150.00'	53.37'	53.30'	S 07°33'21" W
C52	150.00'	48.21'	48.01'	S 23°08'15" W
C53	150.00'	48.21'	48.01'	S 41°33'15" W
C54	150.00'	48.21'	48.01'	S 59°58'14" W
C55	150.00'	48.21'	48.01'	S 78°23'14" W
C56	150.00'	16.14'	16.13'	N 89°10'23" W
C57	155.00'	1.63'	1.63'	S 85°56'25" E
C58	155.00'	48.10'	47.91'	S 76°44'55" E
C59	155.00'	48.10'	47.91'	S 58°58'02" E
C60	135.00'	89.44'	87.81'	S 67°15'42" E
C61	130.00'	63.42'	62.79'	N 79°46'58" E
C62	130.00'	106.29'	103.35'	N 42°23'05" E
C63	130.00'	40.34'	40.18'	N 10°04'20" E
C64	25.00'	39.27'	35.36'	N 43°49'03" W
C65	25.00'	40.07'	35.92'	S 45°16'01" W
C66	55.00'	23.62'	23.48'	N 11°40'44" E
C67	55.00'	34.37'	33.82'	N 41°54'40" E
C68	55.00'	37.99'	37.24'	N 79°36'14" E
C69	55.00'	37.37'	36.66'	S 61°08'27" E
C70	55.00'	58.15'	55.48'	S 11°23'04" E
C71	25.00'	39.10'	35.24'	N 25°54'06" W
C72	365.00'	90.00'	89.77'	S 79°19'00" E
C73	365.00'	15.52'	15.52'	S 87°35'57" E
C74	375.00'	55.76'	55.71'	N 86°55'21" E
C75	25.00'	39.27'	35.36'	N 37°39'47" E
C76	425.00'	52.49'	52.46'	N 03°47'55" W
C77	425.00'	25.77'	25.77'	N 01°28'37" E
C78	25.00'	39.27'	35.36'	N 41°47'09" W
C79	1025.00'	28.85'	28.84'	N 85°58'47" W
C80	1025.00'	58.29'	58.29'	N 83°32'39" W
C81	1025.00'	58.29'	58.29'	N 80°17'09" W
C82	1025.00'	58.29'	58.29'	N 77°01'38" W
C83	1025.00'	58.29'	58.29'	N 73°46'07" W
C84	1025.00'	17.44'	17.44'	N 71°39'07" W
C85	25.00'	39.27'	35.36'	S 63°50'07" W
C86	225.00'	22.12'	22.11'	S 21°39'04" W
C87	175.00'	17.20'	17.19'	N 21°39'04" E
C88	25.00'	37.38'	33.99'	N 23°59'44" W
C89	225.00'	143.05'	140.66'	N 48°36'44" W
C90	25.00'	39.27'	35.36'	S 26°09'53" E
C91	975.00'	18.88'	18.88'	S 71°43'10" E
C92	975.00'	57.02'	57.01'	S 73°56'58" E
C93	975.00'	57.02'	57.01'	S 77°18'00" E
C94	975.00'	57.02'	57.01'	S 80°39'02" E
C95	975.00'	57.02'	57.01'	S 84°00'04" E
C96	975.00'	18.88'	18.88'	S 86°13'52" E
C97	25.00'	39.27'	35.36'	N 48°12'51" E
C98	25.00'	39.27'	35.36'	N 41°47'09" W
C99	865.00'	16.75'	16.75'	N 86°13'52" W
C100	865.00'	50.58'	50.58'	N 84°00'04" W
C101	865.00'	50.58'	50.58'	N 80°39'02" W
C102	865.00'	50.58'	50.58'	N 77°18'00" W
C103	865.00'	50.58'	50.58'	N 73°56'58" W
C104	865.00'	16.75'	16.75'	N 71°43'10" W
C105	25.00'	39.27'	35.36'	S 63°50'07" W
C106	800.00'	104.57'	104.49'	S 00°31'50" E
C107	400.00'	73.66'	73.56'	S 02°03'41" E
C108	270.00'	476.40'	416.96'	S 43°12'39" W
C109	275.00'	224.83'	218.62'	N 82°49'11" W
C110	145.00'	93.63'	92.01'	S 67°44'31" E
C111	140.00'	226.21'	202.39'	N 47°28'14" E
C112	400.00'	59.48'	59.42'	S 86°55'22" W
C113	390.00'	118.36'	117.90'	N 80°07'25" W
C114	1000.00'	272.64'	271.80'	N 78°58'31" W
C115	200.00'	142.30'	139.32'	N 50°46'52" W
C116	855.00'	233.11'	232.39'	N 78°58'31" W
C117	200.00'	67.10'	66.78'	N 09°13'27" E
C118	425.00'	31.29'	31.28'	S 84°46'19" W

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
L1	N 02°13'40" E	34.30'
L2	N 00°08'56" E	34.30'
L3	N 01°54'28" W	33.54'
L4	N 03°56'30" W	33.54'
L5	N 04°12'39" W	60.00'
L6	N 03°20'54" W	59.00'
L7	S 07°20'13" E	60.00'
L8	S 07°20'27" E	38.25'
L9	S 05°19'20" E	29.11'
L10	S 00°19'59" E	40.15'
L11	S 05°00'12" W	40.15'
L12	S 10°32'27" W	40.15'
L13	S 16°05'34" W	40.15'
L14	S 21°37'49" W	40.15'
L15	S 27°10'57" W	40.15'
L16	S 46°00'02" E	28.34'
L17	S 82°39'47" W	9.46'
L18	S 82°39'47" W	9.46'
L19	N 07°20'13" W	2.03'
L20	N 30°23'52" W	12.72'
L21	S 78°26'51" E	13.01'
L24	N 89°44'23" E	13.92'
L25	N 07°20'13" W	9.51'
L26	N 30°23'52" W	12.72'

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RESOLUTION
EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS Epilepsy Awareness Month is a nationwide effort to raise awareness about epilepsy, seizures, and side effects, as well as to improve the lives of people affected by epilepsy through education, advocacy, research, and connection; and

WHEREAS epilepsy is defined by a tendency to experience seizures—sudden, abnormal bursts of electrical activity in the brain that can disrupt behavior, awareness, and bodily control; and

WHEREAS there are multiple types of seizures and they can look different in different people; and

WHEREAS epilepsy can also lead to challenges such as fatigue, memory difficulties, mood changes, anxiety, and trouble concentrating, all of which can significantly impact daily life; and

WHEREAS epilepsy is a spectrum disease comprised of many diagnoses, including a growing number of rare epilepsies that are increasingly being identified through their genetic links; and

WHEREAS epilepsy is the fourth most common neurological disorder. Nearly 3.4 million people in the U.S. including more than 54,000 in Alabama live with active epilepsy; and

WHEREAS being diagnosed with epilepsy can affect your safety, relationships, independence, and so much more and despite challenges, many people with epilepsy can live happy, healthy, and productive lives with proper medical care and treatment; and

WHEREAS while many treatments are approved to treat seizures, 30 – 40% of people with epilepsy still live with uncontrolled seizures and the epilepsy-related medical costs associated with uncontrolled epilepsy are 2 to 10 times higher than those of controlled epilepsy; and

WHEREAS protections exist in the Americans with Disabilities Act and related civil rights laws but people with epilepsy still encounter discrimination in areas including employment, education, and housing; and

WHEREAS we must increase public knowledge about epilepsies and seizure first aid to change the way people think about the epilepsies and seizures, decrease stigma and improve outcomes because 25% of the general public say they would be nervous around a person with epilepsy; and

WHEREAS the 2026 National Epilepsy Month Theme *Where Community Sparks Hope*, recognizes the powerful impact that connection, understanding, and collective action can have on the lives of people affected by epilepsy;

WHEREAS the Epilepsy Foundation Alabama is a statewide nonprofit organization working to ensure no one faces epilepsy alone through free seizure first aid training, information and referral, advocacy efforts, support groups, awareness events, and more to support the 1 in 26 who will develop epilepsy in their lifetime.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Helena City Council, together with Mayor Billy Rosener, hereby proclaims the month of November as **Epilepsy Awareness Month** in the City of Helena and encourages all residents to join in raising awareness, promoting understanding, and showing support for individuals and families affected by epilepsy.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this Twenty Sixth day of October Two Thousand Twenty-Six.

Billy Rosener, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kym Rollan, City Clerk

Brooke Dodson, Council President

School	Sum of Total Requested
HES	$8,387.95
HHS	$27,610.13
HIS	$10,215.61
HMS	$12,737.37
Grand Total	**$58,951.06**

School / Use	Sum of Total Requested
HES	**$8,387.95**
Classroom	$6,857.34
Special Ed	$1,530.61
HHS	**$27,610.13**
Classroom	$495.00
Special Ed	$1,200.00
Football Stadium	$5,000.00
Knitting Club	$1,040.00
Streaming	$2,767.70
Tennis	$1,356.13
Band	$15,751.30
HIS	**$10,215.61**
Classroom	$6,895.00
Gifted Class	$3,320.61
HMS	**$12,737.37**
Art	$1,139.84
Classroom	$10,147.53
Special Ed	$150.00
Band	$1,300.00
Grand Total	**$58,951.06**