State of Alabama)
City of Tuscaloosa)

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR

To: All Department Heads

Number: **2010 - 003**
File No. A10-0093

Date: February 5, 2010

Regarding: Texting while driving a City vehicle or in the line and scope of employment

Authority:

By the authority vested in me by the applicable provisions of the laws of the State of Alabama, including but not limited to Ala. Code §11-44B-7 (1975), pursuant to which the Mayor of the City as the Chief Executive Officer has the general supervision and control of all other officers and the affairs of the City, except as otherwise provided by law, I, Walter Maddox, as Mayor do hereby order and direct as follows:

Employees driving City of Tuscaloosa vehicles or driving in the line and scope of employment shall not engage in text messaging while driving. Text messaging refers to reading from or entering data into any hand held or electronic device for the purpose of texting, emailing, instant messaging or engaging in any other form of electronic data retrieval or electronic data communication. This Executive Order shall not apply to the use of the mobile data units installed in Tuscaloosa Police and Tuscaloosa Fire and Rescue Service vehicles.

Implementation:

All Departments of the City and their respective employees to whom this Executive Order applies shall forthwith implement the same in accordance with its terms and requirements. Nothing contained in this Order shall relieve a person from any requirement to obtain a license or other authorization in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. This Order is not intended to conflict with, supersede or contradict any lawful ordinance or resolution duly enacted by the City Council. This Order does not create any right, benefit, or privilege, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by a party against the City, its departments, agencies, entities, officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

So Ordered from City Hall on the date first above written.

Walter Maddox
Mayor, City of Tuscaloosa