

State of Alabama)
City of Tuscaloosa)

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR

To: All Department Heads

Number: **2011 - 012**
 File No. A11-0442

Date: May 4, 2011

Regarding: Rebuild Tuscaloosa Task Force

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:

The April 27, 2011 tornado left an unprecedented path of destruction through residential and commercial areas of our City. As we transition our disaster operations from Search and Rescue to the various phases of Recovery it is imperative that we take proactive steps to guide the orderly rebuilding of the many areas of devastation. Out of the heartbreak of disaster rises an extraordinary opportunity to comprehensively plan and rebuild our great City better than before, returning Tuscaloosa to that shining City on the hill.

This executive order establishes a Rebuild Tuscaloosa Task Force. This task force will be chaired by John McConnell, director of Planning and Development Services. The Chair is authorized to appoint any City employees he deems necessary to serve on this committee and may also appoint members from the City at large. The chair will determine the number of people that shall form the committee and members shall serve for varying lengths of time as needed at the discretion of the chair.

The committee shall consider all aspects of the planning and rebuilding process and streamline the process for licensing, permitting and inspecting where possible so that City Government will not impede the anticipated swift redevelopment. The committee shall propose a comprehensive plan for these large commercial and residential areas that are now due for redevelopment. The committee shall present the plan to a 7 member citizen advisory committee from the recovery zone, to be appointed by the City Council, for review and comment. The committee shall make its presentation to the Mayor of the completed comprehensive plan by July 1, 2011. It is my intention to present the comprehensive plan with any revisions to the Council by August 1, 2011.

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 indicated above.



Walter Maddox
Mayor, City of Tuscaloosa

