

# CITY OF FOLEY ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT

## Complaint form

Date 4/14/26

Follow up Date: 4/29/26

| Complainant:   |  | Complaint Information:   |  |
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| <p>Name: emailed complaint from citizen in E Gate neighborhood</p> <p>Phone:</p> <p>Address:</p> |  | <p>Address/location:<br/>635 E Gate Cir, Foley AL, 36535</p> <p>Complaint:<br/>Accumulation of junk, trash, and litter; harboring nuisance/vector species</p> <p>Complaint type: (check one)</p> |  |
| File# 26-002180  |  | Building Nuisance <input type="checkbox"/>   | Weed Abatement <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| Property Parcel # 54-08-28-4-000-128.013   |  | Construction <input type="checkbox"/>  | Public Nuisance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/><br>Further described below |
|  |  | Other <input type="checkbox"/>   |  |

| Inspection Findings:  | Violation of Ordinance #: 1066-08 |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| <p>4/27/26 Property is in violation of Ord No 1066-08 Public Nuisance; All land shall be maintained free from any accumulation of garbage, litter, debris, blight or deterioration; All land shall be kept free of conditions that constitute or are likely to constitute a fire hazard, or would adversely affect the health or safety of adjacent property owners or occupants of those properties, or would depreciate adjacent property values. (Ord. No. 1066-08, §§ 1, 2, 10-7-08). Certified letter mailed to property owner; inspection photos uploaded to CitizenServe Documents tab</p> |                                   |
| <p>5/13/26 I have not received a signature showing USPS delivery of the certified letter to property owner Sam Jones from USPS (it has been 10+ business days from USPS receiving the letter to deliver). The property is still in violation of Ord No 1066-08 Public Nuisance for accumulation of junk, trash, and litter. This property is a frequent violator. Setting a second re-inspection date for next Monday 5/18/26. If no change and still no delivery of letter, adding item to June council agenda.</p>  |                                   |
| <p>5/18/26 No change in property condition. Violation of Public Nuisance Ord. No. 1066-08 for accumulation of junk, trash, and litter. The property owner has not signed for the receipt of the USPS certified letter; however, this property received citations for the same issue within the last 6 months. Moving to council level.</p>  |                                   |

Inspection Findings:

Violation of Ordinance #: 1066-08

5/27/26 Adding item to 6/1/26 council agenda per Mayor's request. Additional citizen complaints have been emailed to Councilman Lower. Email correspondence has been uploaded to the CitizenServe Documents tab.

Inspector Name Jackie McGonigal




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**CODE CASE**  
**FILE #: 26-002180**  
**635 E GATE CIR**  
**THE JUNK IS ACCUMULATING AGAIN AT 635 EAST GATE CIRCLE,**  
**PRIOR COURT ACTION AT THIS LOCATION.**



| ACTIVITY TYP  | ASSIGNED TO      | ASSIGNED   | DUE        | COMPLETED  | STATUS              |  |
|---|------------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------------|--|
| Council Decision  | Jackie McGonigal | 05/19/2026 | 05/25/2026 |            |                     |  |
| Add this to the June 1st council agenda JM  |                  |            |            |            |                     |  |
| Complaint Initial Review  | Dan Sellers      | 04/27/2026 | 05/02/2026 |            | Pending             |  |
| Review Complete   | Dione Blalock    | 04/27/2026 |            |            | Pending             |  |
| Code Enforcement Re-Inspection  | Jackie McGonigal | 05/13/2026 | 05/18/2026 | 05/18/2026 | Violation(s)        |  |
| Second (final) reinspection for public nuisance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No change in property condition. Violation of Public Nuisance Ord. No. 1066-08 for accumulation of junk, trash, and litter. Property owner has not signed for the receipt of the USPS certified letter; however, this property received citations for the same issue in the recent past. Moving to council level.</li> </ul>  |                  |            |            |            |                     |  |
| Code Enforcement Re-Inspection  | Jackie McGonigal | 04/29/2026 | 05/13/2026 | 05/13/2026 | Violation(s)        |  |
| 4/28/26 USPS has received cert letter; yet to be accepted by property owner. Reinspection scheduled 10 business days from acceptance of the letter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I have not received a signature showing delivery of the certified letter to property owner from USPS (it has been 10+ business days from USPS receiveing the letter to deliver)</li> <li>The property is still in vioaltion of Ord No 1066-08 Public Nuisance for accumulation of junk, trash, and litter. This property is a frequent violator.</li> <li>Setting a second resinspection date for next Monday 5/18/26. If no change and still no delivery of letter, adding item to the 6/1/26 council agenda</li> </ul> |                  |            |            |            |                     |  |
| Complaint Initial Review  | Amanda Cole      | 04/27/2026 | 05/02/2026 | 04/28/2026 | No Violations Noted |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on the inspection pictures there does not appear to be a zoning violation at this property.</li> </ul>   |                  |            |            |            |                     |  |
| Code Enforcement Inspection   | Jackie McGonigal | 04/27/2026 | 04/28/2026 | 04/28/2026 | Violation(s)        |  |
| Notification from city council - citizen called in complaint <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Property is in violation of Ord No 1066-08 Public Nuisance; All land shall be maintained free from any accumulation of garbage, litter, debris, blight or deterioration; All land shall be kept free of conditions that constitute or are likely to constitute a fire hazard, or would adversely affect the health or safety of adjacent property owners or occupants of those properties, or would depreciate adjacent property values. (Ord. No. 1066-08, §§ 1, 2, 10-7-08)</li> <li>Certified letter mailed to property owner; inspection photos uploaded to Documents</li> </ul>                            |                  |            |            |            |                     |  |

  
**ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT**  
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(251) 923-4267 | [www.cityoffoley.org](http://www.cityoffoley.org)

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April 28, 2026

Case #: 26-002180

**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Sam Jones  
PO BOX 1742, FOLEY, AL 365361742

RE: 635 E GATE CIR, FOLEY

Dear Sir:

A complaint has been received regarding junk and debris located at 635 E Gate CIR, Foley, Alabama, which may constitute a public nuisance. This parcel is further described as PIN# on the Baldwin County Tax Maps.

In accordance with *City of Foley Ordinance No. 1066-08, Article IV - Nuisance Abatement*, it is unlawful for any person to maintain a public or private nuisance upon any public or private property. Pursuant to *Section 9-62* of the ordinance, this letter serves as official notice that you must remedy the condition described above within ten (10) days of the date of this letter.

A visual inspection conducted on 04/28/2026 revealed that the above-referenced property contained junk and debris potentially creating a public nuisance. I have inclosed a copy of the ordinance definitions of what constitutes as a public nuisance, along with definitions of what constitutes as junk, trash, and litter.

Please be advised that you are hereby placed on notice that this violation must be corrected within ten (10) days of your receipt of this letter. Failure to comply within the time specified may result in the issuance of a citation and penalties of up to five hundred dollars (\$500) per day of violation. Each day the violation continues will constitute a separate offense.

Please contact our office at (251) 923-4267 or email [jmcgonigal@cityoffoley.org](mailto:jmcgonigal@cityoffoley.org) to discuss this matter or confirm compliance. Thank you for your prompt attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Jackie McGonigal  
Environmental Manager  
[jmcgonigal@cityoffoley.org](mailto:jmcgonigal@cityoffoley.org)  
251-979-9710









Jackie McGonigal &lt;jmcgonigal@cityoffoley.org&gt;

**Fwd: 635 E Gate Cir, Foley, AL**

9 messages

Tim Lower &lt;lower@cityoffoley.org&gt;

To: Ralph Hellmich &lt;rhellmich@cityoffoley.org&gt;, Jackie McGonigal &lt;jmcgonigal@cityoffoley.org&gt;, Wayne Dyess &lt;wdyess@cityoffoley.org&gt;, lgahagan@cityoffoley.org, dballock@cityoffoley.org,

Hi All,  
Please see email below, could I get an update on this so I can call the resident back later today?  
Thanks  
Tim Lower  
251-424-5395

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** <2gunns83@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** 635 E Gate Cir, Foley, AL  
**Date:** May 26, 2026 at 11:38:36 AM CDT  
**To:** <lower@cityoffoley.org>

Good morning Mr. Lower,

My name is Tonya Gunn and I live at [628 E Gate Circle](#) in Foley. My husband and I built our home in 1985. We have always taken great pride in keeping our home

We have had a continuing problem with the residence located at 635 E Gate Circle. The house and property are in terrible disarray. There is trash, broken down veh yard is also a mess and I fear that there are most likely rodents on that property as well. We have complained so many times about this property and the owner will enforcement stops coming by, the property becomes a dumping ground again. The people that live in the house absolutely fly down our street and have no regard street and it's a dangerous situation.

Is there anything that we can do to have something done at that property once and for all? A few months ago the city placed a large sign in the yard about a court but as soon as his court date was over, the property is back to looking like this. I took the attached photo on 5/24/26. It's a disgrace that we have neighbors who do around them.

If there is anything that you can do, we would greatly appreciate it.

Best regards,

Tonya Gunn



Tue, May 26, 2026 at 2:14 PM

Ralph Hellmich <rhellmich@cityoffoley.org>  
 To: Tim Lower <tlower@cityoffoley.org>, Jackie McGonigal <jmcgonigal@cityoffoley.org>, Wayne Dyess <wdyess@cityoffoley.org>, "lgahagan@cityoffoley.org" <lgahagan@cityoffoley.org>, "dbialock@cityoffoley.org" <dbialock@cityoffoley.org>, "dsellers@foleypolice.org" <dsellers@foleypolice.org>  
 Cc: Larry Dearing <ldearing@foleypolice.org>

Thx Tim...this one has been ongoing for awhile...what's tge latest all.

Ralph G Hellmich  
 Mayor of Foley

**From:** Tim Lower <tlower@cityoffoley.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2026 1:55:49 PM  
**To:** Ralph Hellmich <rhellmich@cityoffoley.org>; Jackie McGonigal <jmcgonigal@cityoffoley.org>; Wayne Dyess <wdyess@cityoffoley.org>; lgahagan@cityoffoley.org <lgahagan@cityoffoley.org>; dbialock@cityoffoley.org <dbialock@cityoffoley.org>; dsellers@foleypolice.org <dsellers@foleypolice.org>  
**Subject:** Fwd: 635 E Gate Cir, Foley, AL

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Wed, May 27, 2026 at 8:02 AM

Jackie McGonigal <jmcgonigal@cityoffoley.org>  
 To: Ralph Hellmich <rhellmich@cityoffoley.org>  
 Cc: Tim Lower <tlower@cityoffoley.org>, Wayne Dyess <wdyess@cityoffoley.org>, "lgahagan@cityoffoley.org" <lgahagan@cityoffoley.org>, "dbialock@cityoffoley.org" <dbialock@cityoffoley.org>, "dsellers@foleypolice.org" <dsellers@foleypolice.org>, Larry Dearing <ldearing@foleypolice.org>

Councilman Lower,

Thank you for your email. This property has been moved to council decision as of last week. It is slated to be on the second June council meeting agenda.

This property has been an ongoing issue. The citizen is correct in that the property owner will clean the property up when issued citations, but it quickly goes back to becoming a violation to city ordinances regarding public nuisances (Ord No 1066-08).

Since I have joined Team Foley last October, this property has been a complaint item on three separate occasions.

Jacqueline McGonigal  
 Environmental Manager  
 City of Foley Environmental Department  
 23030 Wolf Bay Drive, Foley, AL 36535  
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 Cell 251-979-9710  
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Wed, May 27, 2026 at 8:07 AM

Ralph Hellmich <rhellmich@cityoffoley.org>  
 To: Jackie McGonigal <jmcgonigal@cityoffoley.org>  
 Cc: Tim Lower <tlower@cityoffoley.org>, Wayne Dyess <wdyess@cityoffoley.org>, "lgahagan@cityoffoley.org" <lgahagan@cityoffoley.org>, "dbialock@cityoffoley.org" <dbialock@cityoffoley.org>, "dsellers@foleypolice.org" <dsellers@foleypolice.org>, Larry Dearing <ldearing@foleypolice.org>

In my opinion he understands the legal system we are required to follow and takes advantage of this.  
 If I am not mistaken he used this same route on the property on S Cedar.  
 Can we intensify our pressure through any other way since he is repeat violator?

Ralph G Hellmich  
 Mayor of Foley

**From:** Jackie McGonigal <jmcgonigal@cityoffoley.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2026 8:02:52 AM  
**To:** Ralph Hellmich <rhellmich@cityoffoley.org>  
**Cc:** Tim Lower <tlower@cityoffoley.org>; Wayne Dyess <wdyess@cityoffoley.org>; lgahagan@cityoffoley.org <lgahagan@cityoffoley.org>; dbialock@cityoffoley.org <dbialock@cityoffoley.org>; dsellers@foleypolice.org <dsellers@foleypolice.org>; Larry Dearing <ldearing@foleypolice.org>  
**Subject:** Re: 635 E Gate Cir, Foley, AL

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Wed, May 27, 2026 at 8:17 AM

Jackie McGonigal <jmcgonigal@cityoffoley.org>  
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Mayor,

I will ask the City Clerk if I can bump this item up to next week's council agenda. Past that, I think we should ask the legal team for advice.

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Wed, May 27, 2026 at 8:30 AM

Wayne Dyess <wdyess@cityoffoley.org>  
 To: Jackie McGonigal <jmcgonigal@cityoffoley.org>  
 Cc: Ralph Hellmich <rhellmich@cityoffoley.org>, Tim Lower <tlower@cityoffoley.org>, "lgahagan@cityoffoley.org" <lgahagan@cityoffoley.org>, "dbialock@cityoffoley.org" <dbialock@cityoffoley.org>, "dsellers@foleypolice.org" <dsellers@foleypolice.org>, Larry Dearing <ldearing@foleypolice.org>

That would be great. Thank you Jackie.  
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Ralph Hellmich <rhellmich@cityoffoley.org> Wed, May 27, 2026 at 9:13 AM  
To: Wayne Dyess <wdyess@cityoffoley.org>, Jackie McGonigal <jmcgonigal@cityoffoley.org>  
Cc: Tim Lower <tlower@cityoffoley.org>, "lgahagan@cityoffoley.org" <lgahagan@cityoffoley.org>, "dblalock@cityoffoley.org" <dblalock@cityoffoley.org>, "dsellers@foleypolice.org" <dsellers@foleypolice.org>, Larry Dearing <ldearing@foleypolice.org>

I believe we have two "normal" routes for these type issues. A public nuisance and weed abatement. Both take from 60 to 90 days. However at the last Ala League if Muni s it was mentioned under " Weed Abatement " category repeat offenders can be treated differently.  
I am not familiar with those requirements.  
Please do bump it up on my request.

Ralph G Hellmich  
Mayor of Foley

From: Wayne Dyess <wdyess@cityoffoley.org>  
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 8:30:38 AM  
To: Jackie McGonigal <jmcgonigal@cityoffoley.org>  
Cc: Ralph Hellmich <rhellmich@cityoffoley.org>; Tim Lower <tlower@cityoffoley.org>; lgahagan@cityoffoley.org <lgahagan@cityoffoley.org>; dblalock@cityoffoley.org <dblalock@cityoffoley.org>; dsellers@foleypolice.org <dsellers@foleypolice.org>; Larry Dearing <ldearing@foleypolice.org>

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Jackie McGonigal <jmcgonigal@cityoffoley.org> Wed, May 27, 2026 at 9:16 AM  
To: Ralph Hellmich <rhellmich@cityoffoley.org>  
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Will do, Mayor. I am working with Christi on that now.

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Ralph Hellmich <rhellmich@cityoffoley.org> Wed, May 27, 2026 at 9:18 AM  
To: Jackie McGonigal <jmcgonigal@cityoffoley.org>  
Cc: Wayne Dyess <wdyess@cityoffoley.org>, Tim Lower <tlower@cityoffoley.org>, "lgahagan@cityoffoley.org" <lgahagan@cityoffoley.org>, "dblalock@cityoffoley.org" <dblalock@cityoffoley.org>, "dsellers@foleypolice.org" <dsellers@foleypolice.org>, Larry Dearing <ldearing@foleypolice.org>

Thx all.

Ralph G Hellmich  
Mayor of Foley

From: Jackie McGonigal <jmcgonigal@cityoffoley.org>  
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 9:15:51 AM  
To: Ralph Hellmich <rhellmich@cityoffoley.org>  
Cc: Wayne Dyess <wdyess@cityoffoley.org>; Tim Lower <tlower@cityoffoley.org>; lgahagan@cityoffoley.org <lgahagan@cityoffoley.org>; dblalock@cityoffoley.org <dblalock@cityoffoley.org>; dsellers@foleypolice.org <dsellers@foleypolice.org>; Larry Dearing <ldearing@foleypolice.org>

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