

**NOTICE OF FINDING
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12/31/2025 Water Works Board of the City of Fort Payne, 153 20th St NE, Fort Payne, AL 35967, 256-845-0449. TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS: These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Water Works Board of the City of Fort Payne. REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS On or about 1/16/2026 the Water Works Board of the City of Fort Payne will submit a request to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) for the release of ARC funds under the Appalachian Regional Development Act (ARDA) to undertake a project known as the Briarwood Ave. waterline replacement project # AL-22551-2025 for the installation of a new 10" water main along Briarwood Ave SW. The new water main will connect to an existing water main in front of the Siemens Inc. building and then be installed southward approximately 5,000 LF where the new line will be bored under Interstate 59 and connected to another water main on the other side near the Ferguson Distribution Center facility. Central coordinates are 34 . 4 2 6 1 8 9 , -85.761322. All improvements will be in the City of Fort Payne in DeKalb County AL. Total Cost:\$1,246,140. ARC \$500,000 & Local \$746,140. FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT The Water Works Board of the City of Fort Payne has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Water Works Board of the City of Fort Payne, 153 20 th St NE, Fort Payne, AL 35967 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 AM to 4 PM. PUBLIC COMMENTS Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Water Works Board of the City of Fort Payne. All comments received by 1/15/2026 will be considered by the Water Works Board of the City of Fort Payne prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing. ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION The Water Works Board of the City of Fort Payne certifies to ADECA that Brandon Light in his capacity as Executive Director consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. ADECA's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Water Works Board of the City of Fort Payne to use Program Funds. OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS ADECA will accept objections to its release of funds and the Water Works Board of the City of Fort Payne certification for a period of 15-days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or the Water Works Board of the City of Fort Payne; (b) the Water Works Board of the City of Fort Payne has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR part 58 before approval of a Release of Funds by ADECA; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFRR part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the State at: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, Community and Economic Development Division, PO Box 5690, Montgomery, AL 36103. Potential objectors should contact ADECA to verify the actual last day of the objection period. Brandon Light, Executive Director.

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