

E-NEWSLETTER

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF PELHAM
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Pelham Elects New Mayor, Sets Runoff for Two Council Seats

Pelham voters made their voices heard in the August 26, 2025, Municipal Election, which included the mayor’s office and multiple City Council seats on the ballot.

With Mayor Gary Waters stepping down after 13 years, residents elected Councilmember Rick Wash as the city’s next mayor. Wash received 53% of the vote, defeating current Council President Maurice Mercer, who earned 47%.

In council races, newcomer and former Pelham educator Michelle Power unseated incumbent David Coram in Place 1 with 55% of the vote. Incumbent Chad Leverett kept his Place 2 seat with 58%, while incumbent Michael Harris secured Place 5 with 65% over challenger Russell Platt.

No candidate received a majority in the Place 3 and Place 4 races, so both will head to a runoff. Cathy Cartagena and Chris Townes will face off for Place 3,

while Ron Griggs and Marcus Snowden will compete for Place 4. The runoff election is set for Tuesday, September 23, 2025, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena. [Absentee ballot applications are available on the City’s website.](#)

This year’s election drew 3,924 ballots cast—20.6 percent of Pelham’s 19,055 registered voters. That marks an increase from 18.7 percent in 2016 and 15.5 percent in 2020.

“This positive trend shows that more Pelham residents are engaging in the democratic process and making their voices heard on the local level,” said City Clerk/Treasurer Jonathan Seale. “Municipal elections are vital to the future of our community, as they directly impact the services, leadership, and vision that shape daily life for our citizens.”

Seale also praised the dedicated polling officials who staffed the election, noting their service was essential to a smooth process.

THIS MONTH:

Fall Event Preview

Disc Golf Course Opens in Pelham

Shredding & E-Recycling Opportunity

Kitten Rescue

New Concepts for Amphitheatre Property

New Businesses in Pelham

Pelham Municipal Election 2025 Runoff: Sample Ballot & Absentee Ballot Information

<p>OFFICIAL BALLOT BALLOT STYLE-1</p> <p>GENERAL MUNICIPAL RUN-OFF ELECTION CITY OF PELHAM, ALABAMA SEPTEMBER 23, 2025</p>	
<p>INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER</p> <p>TO VOTE YOU MUST BLACKEN THE OVAL <input type="radio"/> COMPLETELY! ● IF YOU SPOIL YOUR BALLOT, DO NOT ERASE, BUT ASK FOR A NEW BALLOT.</p>	
	<p>FOR CITY COUNCIL, PLACE NO. 3 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> CATHY CARTAGENA</p> <p><input type="radio"/> CHRIS TOWNES</p>
	<p>FOR CITY COUNCIL, PLACE NO. 4 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> RON GRIGGS</p> <p><input type="radio"/> MARKUS HAL SNOWDEN</p>
<p>END OF BALLOT</p> <p><small>Type 02 Seq 0001 Spl 01</small></p>	

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GENERAL MUNICIPAL RUN-OFF ELECTION
CITY OF PELHAM, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

Absentee Ballot Deadlines

By Mail:

Absentee Ballots must be received at Pelham City Hall by *September 16, 2025.*

*This is a received-by date, not a postmark date.

In-Person:

Hand-delivered Absentee Ballots should be dropped off to Pelham City Hall by *September 18, 2025.*

[Download an application for an Absentee Ballot here.](#)