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# LEAGUE UPDATES

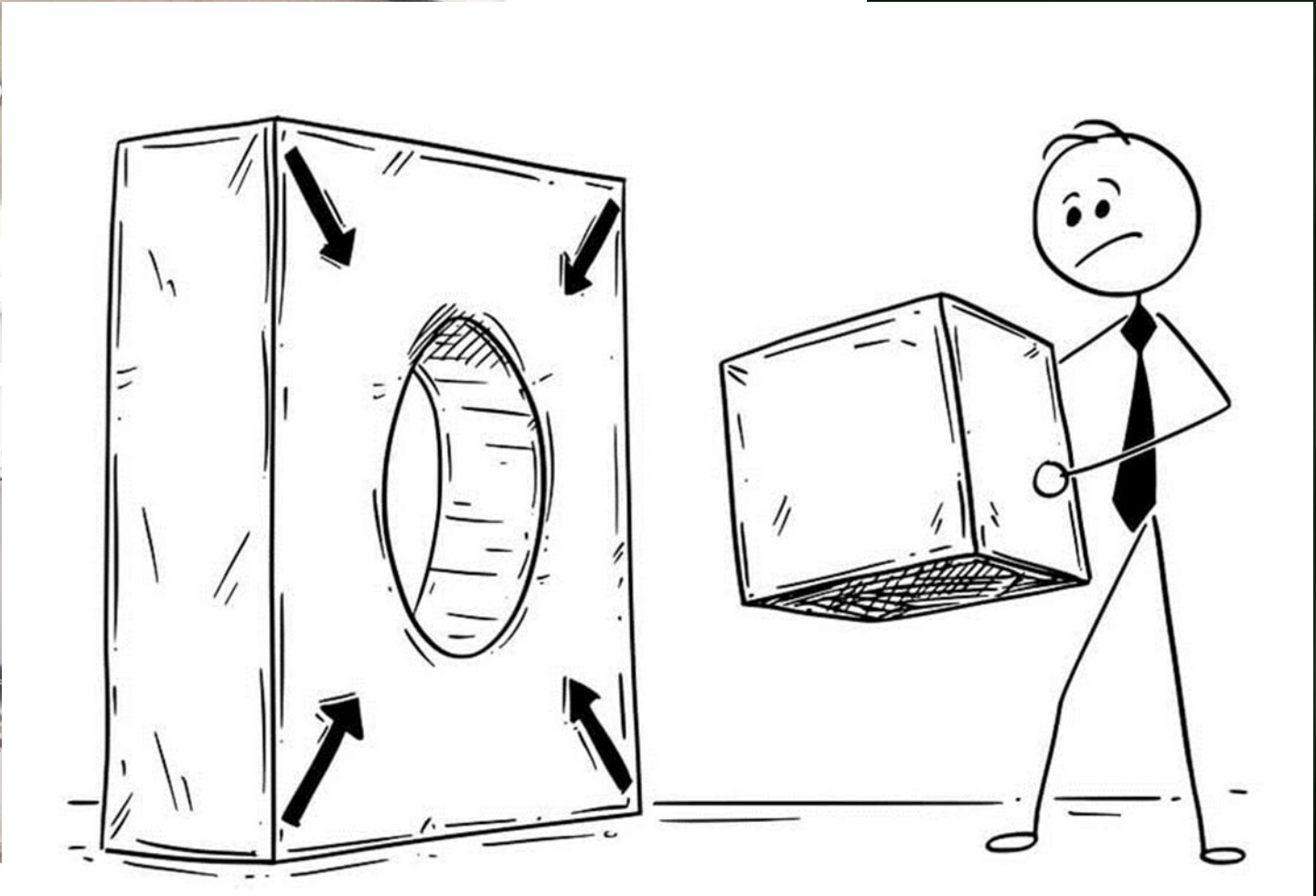


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To Tell  
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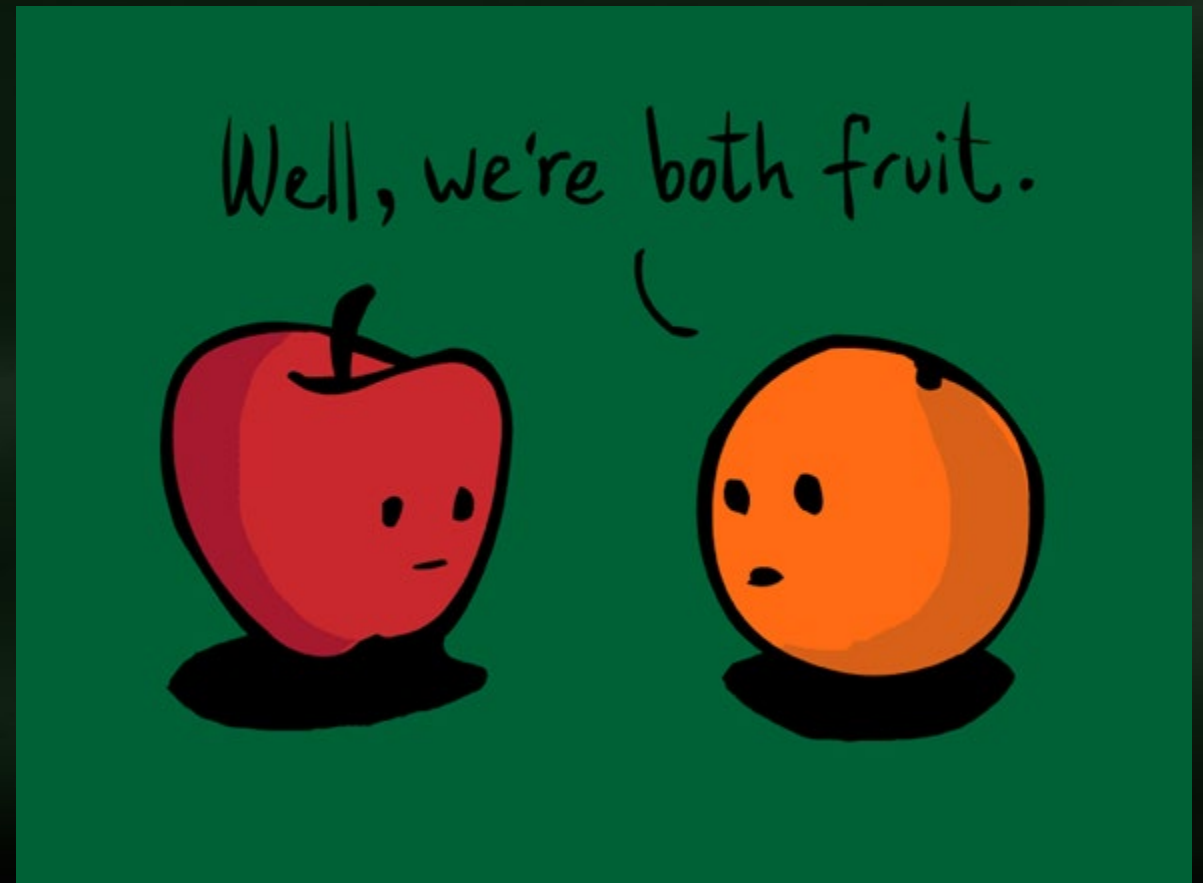




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# COMPARING APPLES & ORANGES

- Police Jurisdiction
- Planning Jurisdiction





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# ON-GOING CHALLENGES TO PJ's

- 2012 – change to subdivision law
- 2015 – changes to Police Jurisdiction
- 2015-2021 – continued fight at the State House to preserve Police & Planning Jurisdictions





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# SB 107, BY SENATOR ELLIOTT

- Froze Police Jurisdiction
  - Eliminated authority to enforce building codes in Police Jurisdiction
  - Eliminated authority to collect business licenses in Police Jurisdiction
  - Allowed for continued collection of sales taxes – but money must be spent in the Police Jurisdiction
- Eliminated Planning Jurisdiction outside corporate limits
- Required full special audit of revenue outside of corporate limits  
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"No one is very happy. Which means it's a good compromise."

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- Tyrion Lannister





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# ACT 2021-297 SIGNED INTO LAW 4/27/21

1 SB107  
2 212997-2  
3 By Senator Elliott  
4 RFD: Governmental Affairs  
5 First Read: 02-FEB-21  
6 PFD: 01/28/2021

ACT #2021 - 297





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# EFFECTS ON POLICE JURISDICTION

- Frozen as of 1/1/21 – does not continue to expand
- Enforcement limited to State Misdemeanors
- Continued Building Code Enforcement ... unless
  - County starts doing building code enforcement
  - 2 year transition
- Continued collection of business licenses ... so long as ...
  - Already collecting licenses as of 1/1/21
  - Annual report to Examiners of Public Accounts



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# EFFECTS ON PLANNING JURISDICTION

- Reduced immediately to 1.5 or 3 miles but will continue to expand
- 1.5 miles on 1/1/23 regardless of population
- “Family” exemption for subdivisions outside of corporate limits
- Phase out if county regulates subdivisions
  - Notice
  - 2 years



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# REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- On or before 12/31/21 – notify Examiners of Public Accounts if you collect revenue outside your corporate limits.
- On or before 3/1/22, and annually thereafter, report to Examiners:
  - All licenses, taxes and fees collected outside the corporate limits (existing law)
  - A list of services and service providers (existing law)
  - If police or fire provided outside corporate limits:
    - Annual budget for police & fire overall
    - Number of calls & responses overall and specific to outside the corporate limits



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# FAILURE TO REPORT & AUDIT

- If report not made within 12 months of deadline you lose your authority to collect any further revenue outside of corporate limits.
- Could still be subject to full audit but only responsible for costs if found not in compliance with spending license revenue outside the corporate limits



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# MUNICIPAL ELECTION LAW CHANGES

ACT #2021 - 157

1 SB119  
2 209071-4  
3 By Senator Waggoner  
4 RFD: Governmental Affairs  
5 First Read: 02-FEB-21  
6 PFD: 01/29/2021





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# MUNICIPAL ELECTION LAW CHANGES

- Moves 97% of Municipalities off the Presidential Election Cycle
  - August 2025
- Qualification in June rather than July
- Run-off shortened from 6 to 4 weeks
- Certificate of Election filed with Probate, SOS and ALM



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# MUNICIPAL ELECTION LAW CHANGES

- Auburn
- Bessemer
- Birmingham
- Dothan
- Gadsden
- Huntsville
- Mobile
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- Montgomery
- Mountain Brook
- Scottsboro
- Talladega
- Tuscaloosa



# Municipal Economic Development Academy



## **Mission Statement:**

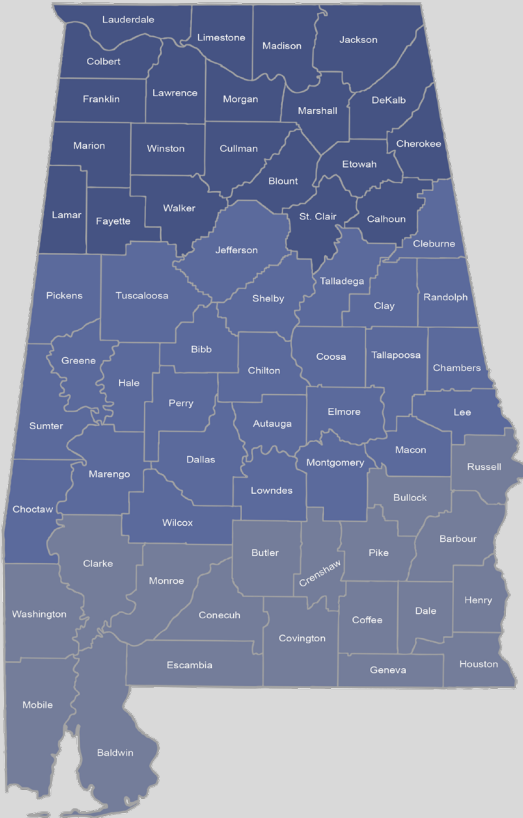
ALM's Municipal Economic Development Academy is specifically designed to educate and engage municipal officials on the elements and phases of economic development and to prepare them for initiatives and projects within their communities.

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# Municipal Economic Development Academy Structure and Eligibility



## State Divided in Three Regions



## Community Eligibility

- ✓ Must complete application process
- ✓ Must be selected by committee
- ✓ Must commit to attend orientation, all four training sessions and graduation
- ✓ The **mayor** and **at least two councilmembers** must commit to participate
- ✓ Must complete vitality survey
- ✓ Must commit to group course fee (\$2500.00)

# 2021-2022 Academy Timeline



## 2021 Timeline

### July 29

- Applications process begins (July 29 – August 31)

### September 1 – 15

- Committee selects participants

### September 16 – 17

- Communities are notified of selection

### November 1

- Orientation for those selected – Municipal Leadership Institute

## 2022 Timeline

### January

- First Session

### April

- Second Session

### July

- Third Session

### September

- Forth Session

### November

- Graduation - Municipal Leadership Institute

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# CHANGES AT LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS

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