

**CITY OF GAUTIER
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Samantha Abell, City Manager
FROM: Dante Elbin, Chief of Police
DATE: February 9, 2015
SUBJECT: Lease Agreement for North Substation

REQUEST:

The Gautier Police Department is requesting authorization to proceed with the Lease Agreement between Martin Bluff Baptist Church and the City of Gautier in order to establish a substation in the Hickory Hills community.

BACKGROUND:

The Gautier Police Department would like to move forward with a binding lease agreement between Martin Bluff Baptist Church and the City of Gautier. The agreement will allow the police department to move forward in utilizing the parsonage as a substation in Hickory Hills community.

DISCUSSION:

The Gautier Police Department currently has a substation in south Gautier. This helps to facilitate law enforcement activities in the De La Forest and College Park community. We are seeking to establish a north police substation in the Hickory Hills community. The placement of substations builds on the City's existing neighborhood policing programs and strengthens business/police relations. In the north area of Gautier, we currently have one thoroughfare that leads in and out of the community. In the event of a natural disaster, having a substation will allow dedicated officers to be based in the affected area, without the need to return to the main police department. Police field operations can be conducted and handled through the substations.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Gautier Police Department recommends the Mayor and City Council to authorize Lease Agreement with Martin Bluff Baptist Church.

ATTACHMENT:

Lease Agreement