

OFFICE DIRECTORY · HUNTSVILLE

# Official Offices and Appointments in Huntsville: 2026 Guide

We publish no federal street address and no court name. What we do publish is the clearest name trap in the series, and it sits at the center of this guide.

## SHORT ANSWER

This guide deliberately omits some addresses and we say why plainly: **the pages of the immigration agency, the enforcement bureau, the customs agency and the social security administration were closed on every route tried this round**, and publishing a federal address from an old archive is precisely the error that sends people on wasted trips. **The only accurate sentence is this: the address you go to is the address printed on your appointment notice.** On the court side the answer is shorter still: **there is no immigration court in Alabama**, your hearing is held in another state, and **which court has jurisdiction could not be derived from the federal agency's own list**, so **this guide names no court**. And this city carries a name trap, the clearest in the series: **the facility bearing this city's name in the federal list is in Texas**.

## NAME TRAP: THE FACILITY CARRYING THIS CITY'S NAME IN THE FEDERAL LIST IS IN ANOTHER STATE

- The federal agency's administrative control list contains **a department of corrections facility carrying the name Huntsville**, and **that facility is in Texas**; on the list it appears under the responsibility of a Texas court.
- The same list also carries **a processing center named Montgomery** and **a detention center named Limestone**, and **both of those are Texas facilities too**.
- **Alabama has places with the same names: Montgomery is this state's capital**, and **Limestone is one of the three counties this city spans**.
- **What that means in practice:** a reader searching the federal list for the name of their city, their county or their state capital **finds a facility in Texas** and reads an entry they believe concerns their own case. **That is how you end up waiting for a hearing in the wrong state**.
- **The correct behavior is one sentence:** do not try to match your case to a court **by searching for the name of your town, your county or your city**. **Read the notice you were sent; it names the court and the address**. The list: [the agency's own page](#).

## The court: none in the state, and which one has jurisdiction could not be derived

- The federal agency's own court listing orders its courts by base city, and **no Alabama city appears in that index**. So a person living in this city has their hearing **in another state**.

- **The list ties the file to jurisdiction, not distance:** which cases a court holds the record for is ordered by **the federal office that issued the charging document** and by specific detention facilities. Courts in neighboring states describe their areas **and sub-offices** in open ended language; one court's parenthetical list of states **leaves Alabama out**.
- **The conclusion: a court cannot be derived from geography**, and we name none. **We publish no distance or driving time either.**

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## Three contradictions we print and none we resolve

- **The same facility appears under courts in two different states.** An Alabama detention facility sits under the responsibility of a court in one state in one column of the federal list and appears as the hearing location of a court in another state in a different column. The two columns may describe different things, **but that cannot be resolved from this list and we do not resolve it.**
- **The same list misspells the name of an Alabama city.** One letter is missing. Keep that in mind when you search the list for the name of your city or county.
- **One record is printed with no state.** The federal list does not say which state that facility is in, and **we assign it no location.**

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## The immigration agency: not an address, a type of office

| ITEM                           | WHERE                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Field office                   | Green card and naturalization <b>interviews</b> happen here. Directory: <a href="https://uscis.gov/field-offices">uscis.gov field offices</a>                                                                           |
| Biometrics center              | <b>Fingerprints and photographs</b> happen here, and it is <b>not the same place as the field office</b> . Directory: <a href="https://uscis.gov/application-support-centers">uscis.gov application support centers</a> |
| Appointments                   | <b>No walk-ins.</b> Appointments are arranged through the <a href="https://uscis.gov/contact-center">Contact Center</a> . <b>Free: 1-800-375-5283.</b> Sites that charge for an appointment are a scam                  |
| Choosing the biometrics center | <b>You do not choose:</b> which center you go to is printed on the I-797C notice                                                                                                                                        |
| Case status                    | <a href="https://uscis.gov/online-account">Your online account</a> . <b>Biometrics centers do not give information about your case</b>                                                                                  |
| Processing times               | On the <a href="https://uscis.gov/processing-times">processing times page</a> , select the form, the category and the office holding your case                                                                          |

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**Do not assume the center nearest your mailing address.** Whether your appointment may be assigned to a center **outside the state** could not be verified this round, and in this state going out of state is **a real possibility**. **Do not confuse the three agencies either:** the immigration agency and the enforcement bureau are part of the homeland security department, while **the immigration courts are a separate agency under the justice department.**

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## If you are going to court: the agency's own rules

- **Faxes and unauthorized electronic filings are not accepted.** In the agency's own words, unless staff or a judge has specifically requested them, such filings are **not entered into the record and are discarded**

**without notice to the sender.** That is a real way to lose a motion.

- **There is a security screening at every visit:** metal detector and bag check, you may be asked to remove your shoes, no food or drink unless the judge permits it, and **cameras and recording devices are prohibited.**
- **Hearings are open to the public** and, in the agency's own words, no advance notice is needed for your visit.
- **Attorneys and accredited representatives must register in the agency's own registry system.** Check that the person representing you is registered.
- **Do not underestimate the travel plan.** Because your hearing will be in another state, getting there may not be a one-day trip; plan the route **from the address on your notice.**
- **Case status:** your A number is enough for the [case information system](#), and the telephone line is 1-800-898-7180. The official information is still the hearing notice. **Check closures on the morning of your hearing** on [the agency's operational status page](#); in this state severe weather can close institutions during the day.
- **No immigration enforcement or customs office address, phone number or name is published in this guide.** Confirm check-in locations on [the agency's own check-in page](#).
- **Your entry record and its errors:** you can download the I-94 for your most recent entry from [the customs agency's site](#). Errors such as the wrong visa class, the wrong name or the wrong period of stay are corrected by offices known as deferred inspection sites. **Which office covers this city, and its hours, could not be verified**, so we publish no address and no days; read the list on [the agency's own page](#) and **write first, then travel:** some of these offices are open only a few hours a week.

## Passport acceptance: three doors in this city

**A distinction first:** an **acceptance facility** can be a post office, a library, a county court counter or a university unit, and it takes and forwards **routine or expedited** applications. A **passport agency** is for **urgent travel**, runs by appointment and is an entirely separate network. **The nearest passport agency could not be verified this round** and we name no agency, city or distance; get the current list from [the federal agency's own site](#).

| FACILITY                                                                                                                      | THE INSTITUTION'S OWN RULE AND WHAT TO KNOW                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| The county probate court<br>1918 Memorial Pkwy NW,<br>Huntsville, AL<br>35801<br>256-532-1058 ·<br>passport line 256-532-3330 | The court's own page states it takes applications <b>between 8.30 a.m. and 4 p.m.</b> and splits the week in two: <b>Monday, Wednesday and Friday by appointment only, Tuesday and Thursday walk-in, first come first served.</b> All forms are available at the office and the office publishes its help notes <b>in Spanish as well. No Turkish material was found</b> |
| The city's two post offices                                                                                                   | The federal acceptance facility file lists <b>two more post offices</b> under the city's postal name: one at <b>645 Wynn Drive NW</b> , the other at <b>8401 Whitesburg Dr.</b> <b>Their hours and appointment rules could not be verified this round</b> , so we do not publish them; confirm the facility through <a href="#">the agency's own finder</a> and call     |

#### THE PAYMENT TRAP, AND WHY YOU SEARCH BY ZIP CODE

- **The county counter's own sentence is explicit:** the federal passport fee **cannot be paid by debit or credit card**, only by **check or money order**. The counter's own execution fee can be paid by check, money order **or cash**. **Someone who arrives with a card alone can be turned away without finishing, even with an appointment.**
- **We publish no fee figures**, because both the federal fee and the local execution fee change; read both from the page of the institution you are going to.
- **Search by zip code, not by city name.** In the federal file a facility's postal city may not reflect its real location; in the example measured in this state, a facility listed under another city's postal name turned out to be **inside a different municipality's limits. The envelope shows neither jurisdiction nor location.**
- **We do not complete an incomplete number:** the phone field of one Alabama record in the federal file is **printed incomplete** and carries only six digits. That record is not in this city, but it can come up in a search.
- **Do not rely on the federal file's hour codes alone.** In the example measured in this city the file and the institution's own page show the same hours, but **only the institution's own page explains the split between appointment days and walk-in days.**

## Going to the appointment

- **A first passport is obtained in person.** Form DS-11 is completed but **not signed**; the signature is made in front of the official. The **original** citizenship document is taken and surrendered during the process; it comes back with the passport.
- **Identification and a photocopy:** the original of your photo identification and a photocopy are required. Some facilities provide photo, copy and mailing services on site; ask in advance whether the facility you are going to does.
- **For a child's application** both parents must be present or the consent document the agency requires must be provided.

## Voter registration and jury summons

- **Voter registration and voting belong to U.S. citizens only**, green card holders included. Registering or voting without being a citizen can have severe consequences for your immigration file and is also a crime.
- **Read the box on the form.** If a driver license, identification card or public service application contains a voter registration section, signing that section counts in most states as **a sworn statement that you are a citizen. How a license application is linked to voter registration in this state could not be verified from an official source**; do not sign a section you do not understand.
- **On the jury side we say what we do not know:** the public records from which the state builds its jury master list could not be verified, so we do not know whether license or voter records feed it, and **we make no claim in either direction.**
- **If a summons arrives:** do not ignore the letter. **Use the number on your letter, not a general number**, and in this city there is a concrete reason for that: **Huntsville spans three counties and the county courts are**

**separate.** Read which court wrote to you **from the letter itself**, not from the envelope.

**Two closing sentences.** First: **publishing no address is not the same as there being no office**; the address is on your appointment notice and in the agency's own office finder. Second: **missing a hearing date can lead to a removal order in absentia**; if you have received a hearing notice, speak to an attorney right away.



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