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SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA REQUEST FORM


FOR: Special City Council Meeting of March 16, 2020

FROM: Mayor Lioneld Jordan and City Attorney Kit Williams

ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION TITLE AND SUBJECT:


AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT THE MAYOR TEMPORARY EXTRAORDINARY POWERS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF FAYETTEVILLE INHABITANTS AND TO PASS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:



Mayor Lioneld Jordan

3/16/2020
Date



City Attorney Kit Williams

March 16, 2020
Date



DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE



OFFICE OF THE
CITY ATTORNEY

TO: **Mayor Jordan**
City Council

CC: **Susan Norton**, Chief of Staff
Paul Becker, Finance Director

FROM: **Kit Williams**, City Attorney

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DATE: **March 16, 2020**

Kit Williams
City Attorney

Blake Pennington
Assistant City Attorney

Jodi Batker
Paralegal

The City of Fayetteville's primary purposes and power are to enact ordinances which the City Council believe are "necessary to provide for the safety, preserve the health ... of such corporations and the inhabitants thereof." A.C.A. §14-55-102. This is commonly referred to as the City's Police Power, the most fundamental and necessary power of the City Council.

Another of the most fundamental powers granted to cities by the General Assembly is the first one listed with A.C.A. §14-54-103 **General powers of cities and towns.**

"Cities and incorporated towns shall have the power to:

- (1) Prevent injury or annoyance within the limits of the municipal corporation from anything dangerous, offensive, or unhealthy ..."

The Covid-19 Pandemic now striking Arkansas is certainly worthy of emergency, protective and preventive measures by the City of Fayetteville's Administration. Therefore, the City Council can best protect our citizens by empowering Mayor Jordan to do his best to slow this pandemic and protect our citizens.