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AGENDA REQUEST FORM

FOR: Council Meeting of August 17, 2021

FROM: Council Member Matthew Petty

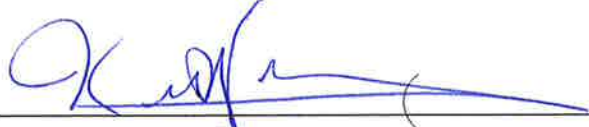
ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION TITLE AND SUBJECT:

A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE ADMINISTRATION ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO USE FEDERAL COVID RELIEF FUNDS TO ENCOURAGE UNVACCINATED EMPLOYEES OF BUSINESSES IN FAYETTEVILLE AND FAYETTEVILLE RESIDENTS TO GET VACCINATED

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

Approved by email
Council Member Matthew Petty

8-10-2021
Date


City Attorney Kit Williams
Approved as to form

August 10, 2021
Date

Williams, Kit

From: Petty, Matthew
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 3:39 PM
To: Williams, Kit
Cc: Petty, Matthew
Subject: RE: Resolution to fund incentive for COVID vaccinations

Thank you for working on this. Let's change it just slightly to make it \$100, no match required.

I'm going to ask the council for feedback on some related ideas tonight, such as targeting the hospitality sector and some other things. If they are receptive, we might have an opening amendment for next Tuesday.

Please consider this approved for purposes of the agenda request.

On Aug 10, 2021 2:52 PM, "Williams, Kit" <kwilliams@fayetteville-ar.gov> wrote:
Matthew,

I finally got some time to work on this proposed vaccine incentive Resolution you wanted. However, I remembered how the news described it as matching local employers' vaccination incentives. Now that I am ready to send you what I drafted, I see that you wanted to incentivize everyone, which is probably legal pursuant to the Covid 19 relief funds. Please look at what I have now, and I will try to modify it to include all Fayetteville residents persons working here. Are you wanting the city of Fayetteville to incentive county, state, university, and federal workers?

Kit

From: Williams, Kit
Sent: Thursday, August 05, 2021 9:41 AM
To: Petty, Matthew <matthew.petty@fayetteville-ar.gov>
Cc: Norton, Susan <snorton@fayetteville-ar.gov>; Paxton, Kara <kapaxton@fayetteville-ar.gov>; Becker, Paul <pbecker@fayetteville-ar.gov>
Subject: RE: Resolution to fund incentive for COVID vaccinations

Matthew,

I will certainly begin work on this. I ask Paul to consider if we can use federal covid funds rather than general funds to finance this. In fact, general funds have some constitutional limits that could be a problem. I think covid funds could be okay especially in light of President Biden's recent public remarks about their use to encourage vaccinations.

Kit

From: Petty, Matthew
Sent: Wednesday, August 04, 2021 3:56 PM
To: Williams, Kit <kwilliams@fayetteville-ar.gov>
Cc: Norton, Susan <snorton@fayetteville-ar.gov>; Paxton, Kara <kapaxton@fayetteville-ar.gov>
Subject: Resolution to fund incentive for COVID vaccinations

Hi Kit, good afternoon. I want to bring a resolution to fund an incentive for vaccinations. Would you please help me draft this?

(Kara, would you please hold a place for this for our next Agenda Session? Thank you.)

Main points:

- Intention: direct incentive via cash or prepaid card for new vaccination recipients until the funding is used
- Qualifiers:
 - Vaccinated after resolution was passed and before money runs out
 - Fayetteville resident OR employed by Fayetteville business in hospitality or healthcare sector
- Budget adjustment: \$X00,000 from general fund reserves or other appropriate fund
- Seek reimbursement from applicable aid programs
- Work with healthcare partners and employers to implement the program
- Deploy the funds as rapidly as possible
- Update council on the efficacy of the program when funds have been 80% disbursed



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TO: **Mayor Jordan**
City Council

CC: **Susan Norton**, Chief of Staff
Kara Paxton, City Clerk/Treasurer
Paul Becker, Finance Director

FROM: **Kit Williams**, City Attorney

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kit Williams", written over a horizontal line.

DATE: **August 10, 2021**

RE: Providing Fayetteville residents and persons working in Fayetteville an incentive bonus of \$100.00 to encourage increased Covid-19 vaccinations

Council Member Petty has requested a Resolution to have the Administration promptly begin Fayetteville resident and employee incentives of \$100.00 to become fully vaccinated against Covid-19 as quickly as possible. President Biden has urged the use of Covid-19 relief funds for cities to be used to quickly and substantially increase full Covid-19 vaccinations to relieve the overcrowding of our hospitals and increasing danger to unvaccinated persons, especially our children.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE ADMINISTRATION ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO USE FEDERAL COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDS TO ENCOURAGE UNVACCINATED EMPLOYEES OF BUSINESSES IN FAYETTEVILLE AND FAYETTEVILLE RESIDENTS TO GET VACCINATED

WHEREAS, far too few Fayetteville residents and workers in Fayetteville have been fully vaccinated which endangers other persons and workers as well as customers of the business; and

WHEREAS, the lack of vaccinations of the general public and workers has unfortunately required the City Council to impose a second face mask mandate to protect our citizens, employees, and especially our children; and

WHEREAS, President Biden has suggested that governments receiving Covid-19 relief funds should use some of those funds to encourage unvaccinated persons to become vaccinated for their own health and safety as well as the health and safety of others, especially those like our children who cannot yet be vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, substantially increasing the number and percentage of fully vaccinated persons in Fayetteville will save many lives and help reduce the tremendous pressure on our hospitals and especially our nurses and doctors who are now again facing record hospitalizations of unvaccinated persons sick with Covid-19; and

WHEREAS, quickly and substantially increasing the number and percentage of vaccinated persons will reduce Covid-19 hospitalizations and more quickly allow the lifting of the mask mandate and the return to normal activities in a safe environment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby requests that the Administration promptly establish a program (using an outside contractor if necessary) with federal Covid-19 relief funds to establish vaccine incentive awards of \$100.00 for all residents of Fayetteville and all employees working in Fayetteville who become fully vaccinated on or after August 10th, 2021 when this Resolution was publicly presented to the City Council..

PASSED and APPROVED this 17TH day of August, 2021.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

By: _____
LIONELD JORDAN, Mayor

By: _____
KARA PAXTON, City Clerk/Treasurer