



City of Fayetteville, Arkansas

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Legislation Text

File #: 2024-1811

Council Members Jones and Moore recommend approval of a resolution to declare a housing crisis within the City of Fayetteville

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A HOUSING CRISIS IN THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the fundamental importance of adequate housing as a basic human right and a cornerstone of community well-being; and

WHEREAS, recent data and trends indicate a significant shortage of affordable housing options within the city limits, exacerbating housing insecurity and homelessness among our residents; and

WHEREAS, the lack of affordable housing options disproportionately affects low-income individuals, families, seniors, students, veterans, and marginalized communities, leading to social and economic disparities within our city; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has further exacerbated housing challenges, highlighting the critical need to immediate action to address housing instability and prevent homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the City Council acknowledges its responsibility to take proactive measures to mitigate the housing crisis and ensure that all residents have access to safe, healthy, and affordable housing options.

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 declares a housing crisis in the City of Fayetteville, recognizing the urgent need for comprehensive solutions to address housing affordability, availability, and accessibility.

Section 2: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby commits to establishing an ad-hoc Housing Crisis Task Force to be formed within the following guidelines:

1. The Task Force will be formed by the end of the second quarter of 2024;
2. The Task Force will consist of representatives from government agencies, non-profit organizations, renter groups, developers, landlords, and community members;
3. The Task Force will be active for one (1) calendar year following the date of its creation;
4. The City Council reserves the right to extend said term at its discretion.

Section 3: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas requests that the Mayor expedite the hiring process for a Housing Coordinator position, tasked with coordinating city wide efforts to address housing insecurity, facilitate collaboration among stakeholders, and implement recommendations from the Housing Crisis Task Force upon approval of the City Council.

Section 4: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby commits to working collaboratively with the Housing Coordinator, the Housing Crisis Task Force, and other stakeholders to develop and implement strategies to increase the supply of affordable housing units, streamline the permitting process for affordable housing projects, and explore innovative approaches to address housing insecurity.

Section 5: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby calls upon state and federal lawmakers to provide additional funding and resources to support local efforts to combat the housing crisis.

Section 6: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby pledges to form regional partnerships with neighboring jurisdictions in developing comprehensive strategies to combat housing insecurities, recognizing the movement of residents and workers across city lines.

Section 7: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby pledges to establish metrics and regularly assess progress in addressing the housing crisis and to adapt strategies as needed to ensure equitable outcomes for all residents in its jurisdiction.

Section 8: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby requests that the City Clerk transmit copies of this resolution to relevant state and federal officials, as well as to local media outlets, community organizations, regional stakeholders, and other relevant entities to raise awareness of the housing crisis and mobilize support for solutions.



MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2024

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council
THRU: D'Andre Jones, Ward 1, Position 2
FROM: D'Andre Jones, Ward 1, Position 2
Sarah Moore, City Council Member - Ward 1 Position 2
SUBJECT: **Council Members Jones and Moore recommend approval of a resolution to declare a housing crisis within the City of Fayetteville**

RECOMMENDATION:

Council Members Jones and Moore are sponsoring a resolution to declare a housing crisis within the City of Fayetteville.

BACKGROUND:

DISCUSSION:

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

ATTACHMENTS: Agenda Request - Email confirmation - Council Members Jones and Moore (#3), Agenda Request - Jones and Moore - Housing Crisis (#4)