

On motion by **Councilman Rau** and seconded by **Councilman Crosby**, the following ordinance was offered:

ORDINANCE NO. 4904

An ordinance acknowledging a state of emergency declared by Jefferson Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng, in accordance with LA R.S. 29:272 and effecting the City of Gretna, authorizing the expenditure of emergency related funds related to the COVID-19 – CORONAVIRUS and limiting Ordinance No. 4423 such that supplemental salary benefits shall not apply due to the nature of the declared emergency.

WHEREAS, there are several distinct decisions which have to be authorized as it relates to the public health, safety and welfare during this state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, it is strongly recommended that citizens follow all recommendations of the Department of Health and Hospitals including but not limited to practicing social distancing until transmission rates of COVID-19 have subsided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council, acting as legislative authority for the City of Gretna, that

A state of emergency having been declared by the Jefferson Parish President and effecting the City of Gretna, the following will be enacted retroactive to and in ratification of the Parish declaration and remain in effect until determined by the governing authority, all as pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute, Section 29:737.

The Finance Director is hereby authorized to expend funds necessary to provide for the welfare of Gretna residents and to expend funds during this state of emergency and that the current purchasing policy shall be suspended and enactment of an emergency purchasing policy shall be in effect and Ordinance No. 4423 shall be limited such that supplemental salary benefits shall not apply due to the nature of the declared emergency.

Provided that a majority of the City of Gretna Council have voted in favor of this ordinance, this ordinance shall have the full force and effect of law immediately following the Clerk's presentment of the same to the Mayor, in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:406(c)(2).

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: **Councilmen Rau, Crosby, Hinyub, Miller and Berthelot**

Nays: None

Absent: None

ADOPTED: MARCH 13, 2020

APPROVED: MARCH 13, 2020

**/S/ NORMA J. CRUZ, CMC
CITY CLERK
CITY OF GRETNA
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**/S/ BELINDA C. CONSTANT
MAYOR
CITY OF GRETNA
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

Ordinance presented to the Mayor on March 13, 2020

Ordinance returned from the Mayor on March 13, 2020

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***Norma J. Cruz*
CITY CLERK
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