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File Number: 2023-815

SAFE STREETS FOR ALL / VISION ZERO RESOLUTION (ACTION PLAN):

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT A VISION ZERO POLICY IN THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE

WHEREAS, the life and health of all persons living and traveling within the City of Fayetteville is our utmost priority, and no one should die or be seriously injured while traveling on our city streets; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is the concept that traffic deaths and serious injuries on our roadways are unacceptable; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a holistic strategy aimed at eliminating all traffic fatalities and severe injuries suffered by all road users while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all; and

WHEREAS, streets and transportation systems have traditionally been designed primarily to move cars efficiently and Vision Zero supports a paradigm shift by designing streets and transportation systems to move all people safely, including people of all ages and abilities, pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit users, scooter riders, and motorcyclists, as well as drivers and passengers of motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero recognizes that people will sometimes make mistakes, so the road system and related policies should be designed to ensure that those inevitable mistakes do not result in severe injuries or fatalities; therefore, transportation planners and engineers and policymakers are expected to improve the roadway environment, policies, and other related systems to lessen the severity of crashes; and

WHEREAS, 26 people in Fayetteville lost their lives to traffic deaths and 193 were seriously injured between 2017 to 2021, and traffic crashes are among the leading cause of deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Fayetteville's transportation infrastructure serves an increasing number of vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, according to data from the Arkansas Department of Transportation, non-motorists including pedestrians and bicyclists account for 8 of the 26 (31%) of the traffic deaths in Fayetteville; and

WHEREAS, speed is recognized as a major determining factor of survival in a crash and the likelihood of a pedestrian surviving a crash is only 10% if hit by a vehicle moving 40 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, Fayetteville adopted Ordinance 6488 in 2021 to establish a default speed limit of 20 miles per hour in residential and business districts; and

WHEREAS, children, older adults, people of color, people with disabilities, people who are unhoused, and people with

low income face a significantly disproportionate risk of traffic injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, making streets safer for all people using all modes of transportation will encourage people to travel on foot, by bicycle, and by public transit, which supports a healthier, more active lifestyle and reduces environmental pollution; and

WHEREAS, successful Vision Zero programs are a result of both a complete government approach and community support of Vision Zero objectives and action plans; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero resolutions have been adopted by many jurisdictions across the United States; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2023, the City Council approved an update to the Fayetteville Active Transportation Plan, which sets a goal for zero fatalities and severe injuries for vulnerable roadway users by the year 2030.

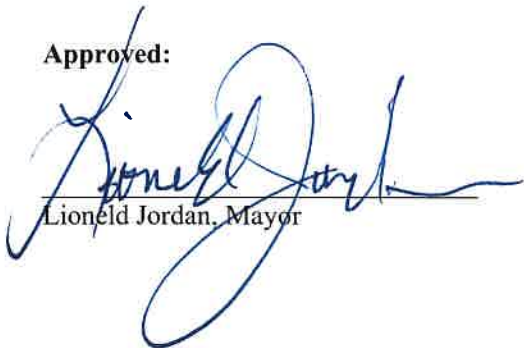
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby affirms the policies set forth in the Fayetteville Active Transportation Plan and adopts the goal of zero traffic deaths and serious injuries, stating that no loss of life or serious injury is acceptable on our streets.

Section 2: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby adopts the goal of eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2030 and endorses Vision Zero as a comprehensive and holistic approach to achieving this goal.

PASSED and APPROVED on July 6, 2023

Approved:


Lioneld Jordan, Mayor

Attest:


Kara Paxton, City Clerk Treasurer

