

ORDINANCE NO. 31-20ORDINANCE SUSPENDING TOWN HALL MEETINGS  
DURING APRIL, MAY, AND JUNE 2020

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-44(b) of the Fort Smith Municipal Code states, "Following adjournment of the regular board meeting held on the first Tuesday of each month (or, if applicable, to its rescheduled date), the board shall conduct an informal town hall meeting at which citizens may introduce matters involving city government to the board of directors...."

**WHEREAS**, because of health concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus and in order to prevent the further spread of same;

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, THAT:**

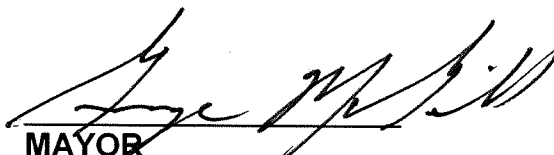
**SECTION 1:** The Fort Smith Municipal Code provision for town hall meetings immediately following regular meetings on April 7, May 5, and June 2, 2020 is hereby suspended and the identified town hall meetings will not be held.

**SECTION 2:** Codification. The provisions of Section 1 of this Ordinance need not be codified.

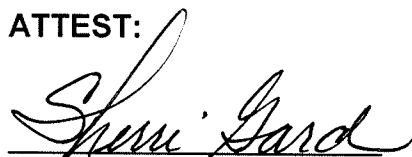
**SECTION 3:** Emergency Clause. At the time of adoption of this Ordinance, public health concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus create an emergency calling for efforts to limit the size of public gatherings. The provisions of Section 1 of this Ordinance are essential to the public health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the city of Fort Smith. Therefore, an emergency is declared, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effective immediately upon its passage.

**THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTED** this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2020.

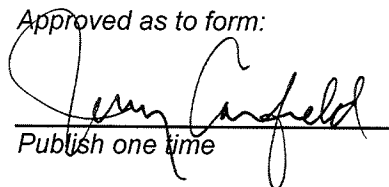
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