

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4905

An emergency ordinance necessitated by the COVID-19 public health crisis, supplementing and amending the City of Gretna Code of Ordinances to provide for the adoption of Louisiana Revised Statute 14:329.6 and Louisiana Revised Statute 14:329.7A, to allow the Gretna Police Department to enforce the conditions of the proclamation of the state of emergency declared by Governor Jon Bel Edwards, to provide for penalties of violations of said conditions and related matters.

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna has an interest in the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna, the State of Louisiana, the United States of America, and indeed the world is in the grips of a pandemic, the likes of which are unprecedented; and

WHEREAS, the governor of the State of Louisiana has declared a state of emergency and a series of Executive Orders that outline certain restrictions relative to the operation of businesses as well as social gatherings; and

WHEREAS, current state law provides for the chief law enforcement officer to have the duty and responsibility of enforcing those and any other restrictions that he may promulgate to protect public safety; and

WHEREAS, said current state law, LSA R.S. 14:329.6 and LSA R.S. 14:329.7A provide the authority, conditions, effects of said state of emergency as well as providing for penalties for violations thereof; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna wishes to adopt said statutes by reference into the Gretna Code of Ordinances.

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

The City of Gretna Code of Ordinances are hereby supplemented and amended to adopt by reference LSA R.S. 14:329.6 and LSA R.S. 14:329.7A

Provided that a 2/3 majority of the City of Gretna Council have voted in favor of this ordinance, this ordinance shall have the full force and effect immediately following the Clerk’s presentment of the same to the Mayor, in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes.

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 17, 2020
/S/ NORMA J. CRUZ, CMC
CITY CLERK
CITY OF GRETNA
STATE OF LOUISIANA

Ordinance presented to the Mayor on March 17, 2020

/S/ NORMA J. CRUZ, CMC
CITY CLERK
CITY OF GRETNA
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APPROVED: MARCH 17, 2020
/S/ BELINDA C. CONSTANT
MAYOR
CITY OF GRETNA
STATE OF LOUISIANA

Ordinance returned from the Mayor on March 17, 2020

/S/ NORMA J. CRUZ, CMC
CITY CLERK
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