

ORDINANCE NO. 20-836

**AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM  
ON ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS FOR CERTAIN  
STRUCTURES WITHIN A PORTION OF THE CITY OF  
GENTRY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, a number of residents of the City of Gentry have raised concerns about the types of uses permitted under the current zoning of an area of land lying roughly in the north-eastern part of the City, given the area's historical nature, said lands being bounded on the South by East Arkansas Street; on the West by North Collins Avenue; on the North by McKee Drive; and on the East by Railroad Avenue (the "Northeast District");

WHEREAS, the Gentry Planning Commission has recommended rezoning the Northeast District to R-1;

WHEREAS, re-zoning the Northeast District to R-1 would have the result of making a large percentage of the tracts located within the District non-conforming, due to having a lot size and/or setbacks smaller than allowed in an R-1 zone, along with other potential issues;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Gentry, Arkansas:

**Section 1:** The Gentry Planning Commission is hereby requested to research other options for preserving the historical nature of the Northeast District, including, but not limited to, amending the current zoning districts, adding an additional residential zoning district, or creating a new historical overlay district, and to return their recommendations to the City Council in a timely fashion.

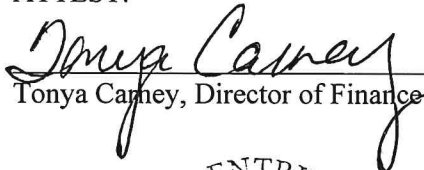
**Section 2:** The issuance of building permits within the Northeast District for structures other than those currently permitted in an R-1 zone is suspended for a period not to exceed 180 days to allow time to research and implement the most appropriate zoning regulations for the District.

**Section 3:** All prior ordinances, resolutions, or code provisions that conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PASSED and APPROVED this 2nd day of November, 2020.

  
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Kevin D. Johnston, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Tonya Carney, Director of Finance

