

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-19

**AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 2018-11
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the City and the Johnson Area Volunteer Fire Department have for years discussed the creation of a city fire department with the volunteer fire department dissolving and transferring its assets to the City;

WHEREAS, several steps were taken by the City and the volunteer department in 2018 towards that end including the passage and approval of Ordinance No. 2018-11 by the Johnson City Council;

WHEREAS, due to time constraints it does not appear that the process can be concluded by year's end as planned and anticipated;

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2018-11 created a City fire department and mandated that specific milestones be accomplished by the end of 2018; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to remove those mandated milestones in hopes of being able to accomplish them in a future year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF JOHNSON, ARKANSAS, That:

Section 1: Ordinance No. 2018-11 should be and hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 2: That with the repeal of Ordinance No. 2018-11 and the resultant effect that there will be no Johnson Fire Department on January 1, 2019, this Ordinance needs to take effect immediately to allow time for the City to contract with a fire department to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City; therefore an emergency is hereby declared and this ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of December, 2018.


CHRIS KEENEY, Mayor

ATTEST:


JENNIFER ALLEN, Recorder-Treasurer