

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 4794**

**An ordinance acknowledging a state of emergency declared by Jefferson Parish President Michael S. Yenni, in accordance with LA R.S. 29:272 and effecting the City of Gretna, authorizing a curfew and authorizing the expenditure of emergency related funds.**

**WHEREAS**, it is important that we advise all City of Gretna residents that based on the current forecast of Tropical Storm Nate, the City of Gretna could lose public utilities such as water, sewerage, electrical and fire services causing residents to be without these services for an undetermined period of time; and

**WHEREAS**, there are several distinct decisions which have to be authorized as it relates to the public health, safety and welfare during this state of emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, it is strongly recommended that citizens have the following items available to for the duration of the storm: water, non-perishable food, first aid supplies, tools and emergency supplies to prepare themselves with necessary supplies to sustain life because city services may not be available.

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

**A state of emergency having been declared by the Jefferson Parish President and effecting the City of Gretna, the following will be enacted retroactive to and in ratification of the Parish declaration and remain in effect until determined by the governing authority all as pursuant to LA R.S. 29:737:**

**A mandatory curfew is hereby authorized as directed by the Gretna Police Department and when declared by the Gretna Police Department shall remain in effect during the times established by the department until further notice.**

**The Finance Director is hereby authorized to expend funds necessary to provide for the welfare of Gretna residents and to expend funds for payment of part-time personnel during this state of emergency and that the current purchasing policy shall be suspended and enactment of an emergency purchasing policy shall be in effect.**

**Anyone who violates this ordinance shall be subject to the general penalty provisions contained in the Section 1-8 of the Gretna Code of Ordinances which provides a maximum penalty of 60 days in jail and/or a \$500.00 fine.**

Provided that a majority of the City of Gretna Council has voted in favor of this declared emergency ordinance, this ordinance shall have the full force and effect immediately upon adoption.

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: OCTOBER 6, 2017**

**APPROVED: OCTOBER 6, 2017**

**/S/ NORMA J. CRUZ**  
**CITY CLERK**  
**CITY OF GRETNA**  
**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**/S/ BELINDA C. CONSTANT**  
**MAYOR**  
**CITY OF GRETNA**  
**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

Ordinance presented to the Mayor on October 6, 2017

Ordinance returned from the Mayor on October 6, 2017

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**A TRUE COPY: /S/ NORMA J. CRUZ**  
**CITY CLERK**