

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GHOST GUN REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, firearms that are assembled from parts, often without serial numbers, and typically purchased through unregulated means are known as “ghost guns”; and

WHEREAS, ghost guns are difficult to trace by law enforcement and have contributed to an increase in gun violence; and

WHEREAS, the lack of serial numbers on ghost guns allows individuals to evade background checks, thereby increasing the risk of these firearms being acquired by individuals who are prohibited from possessing guns, including felons, individuals with restraining orders, and those with mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Department of Justice, there was a 1,700% increase in ghost gun recoveries within the state of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the federal government attempted to take action through the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to address the issue of ghost guns using the Gun Control Act of 1968, but legal challenges are pending at the time of this Resolution; and,

WHEREAS at the time of this Resolution, North Carolina has not enacted legislation regulating the use, manufacture, possession or sell of ghost guns despite the harm and danger to citizens of this State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Fayetteville strongly encourages state and federal legislators to adopt comprehensive laws and regulations aimed at restricting the manufacture, sale, and possession of ghost guns, including but not limited to:

1. Requiring serial numbers on all firearm parts and kits;
2. Expanding background checks to cover parts and kits that can be assembled into firearms;
3. Mandating that ghost guns are subject to the same regulations as traditional firearms; and,
4. Increasing penalties for the illegal manufacture, distribution, or possession of ghost guns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Fayetteville has caused this instrument to be signed in its name by its Mayor, attested by its City Clerk, and its corporate seal hereto affixed, all by order of its City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, on this, the 13th day of January 2025; such meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE

(SEAL)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
MITCH COLVIN, Mayor

ATTEST:

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PAMELA MEGILL, City Clerk