

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE A MILITARY HOST CITY

WHEREAS, a *Military Host City* is defined as the location where a military installation is established, contributing to the nation’s defense and readiness by supporting the training, deployment, and operations of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, a Military Host City plays a vital role in supporting the overall mission of the Armed Forces and enhancing the quality of life for service members, military families, and veterans; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fayetteville directly supports a major military installation and contains portions of such installation within or adjacent to its municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the City’s economy, workforce, housing market, and community fabric are significantly influenced by the presence of the military and defense-related activities; and

WHEREAS, the City benefits from and supports critical transportation and multimodal infrastructure - including highways, transit systems, and regional air access - that facilitate mission readiness, mobility, and installation resiliency; and

WHEREAS, the City actively participates in sustaining and strengthening the installation’s mission through land use planning, infrastructure investment, public safety coordination, intergovernmental support or reciprocity agreements, and partnerships with military leadership, state and local officials, regional stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fayetteville meets the criteria of a Military Host City by:

1. Directly supporting a military installation in terms of public infrastructure, recreation, public safety and emergency services, and other municipal services;
2. Containing all or part of a military installation boundaries within or adjacent to its municipal boundaries;
3. Being the largest municipal land mass directly adjoining the installation boundaries;
4. Experiencing significant economic, social, and operational influence in the community from the military presence;
5. Providing access to key municipal-owned transportation and multimodal hubs essential to military operations; and
6. Actively working to sustain and enhance the installation’s mission and the well-being of military-connected and military-affiliated populations; and

WHEREAS, the City provides mission-critical municipal services including utilities, public safety, emergency management, and transportation infrastructure that directly support military operations; and

WHEREAS, the City maintains strong intergovernmental partnerships through mutual aid agreements, coordinated planning efforts, and ongoing collaboration with installation leadership and defense stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to promoting compatible land use, protecting airspace, supporting infrastructure resiliency, and advancing policies that prevent encroachment and enhance mission readiness; and

WHEREAS, the City fosters social and community integration by supporting military families through education, housing, workforce development, healthcare access, and veteran services; and

WHEREAS, the City actively engages in collaborative initiatives including military advisory committees, joint planning efforts, defense-sector economic development strategies, and advocacy for state and federal policies that benefit service members and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Fayetteville that:

1. The City of Fayetteville hereby formally declares itself a **Military Host City**.
2. The City of Fayetteville joins the other municipalities in North Carolina who meet the criteria to declare themselves sister cities like Jacksonville, Goldsboro, Havelock and Elizabeth City. These 5 cities are the largest municipal land masses adjoining North Carolina’s military installations and

work collaboratively with the NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to ensure the state remains military, veteran and defense friendly.

3. The City reaffirms its commitment to supporting the mission, readiness, and long-term sustainability of the military installation and its personnel.
4. The City will continue to advance policies, partnerships, and investments that strengthen military-community relations, protect operational integrity, and enhance quality of life for service members, veterans, and their families.
5. The City will work collaboratively with local, state, and federal partners to advocate for defense investments, infrastructure improvements, and policies that support military readiness and economic vitality.

This designation shall serve as a guiding principle in future planning, economic development, and community engagement efforts.

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 10th day of August 2026; 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:

JENNIFER AYRE, City Clerk