

**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND RELATED DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AARP (ORIGINALLY NAMED THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS) MEMBERSHIP TO JOIN THE AARP NETWORK OF AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES AND THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) GLOBAL NETWORK OF AGE-FRIENDLY CITIES AND COMMUNITIES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson has the population of 173,514 and 14.5% of the residents are above the age of 60; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that older Americans overwhelmingly want to remain in their homes and communities as they age; and

**WHEREAS**, access to quality health care and long-term services and supports is essential for individuals to live in their homes and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jackson prides on adopting innovative and forward thinking policies to keep our motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and all users of our roadways, sidewalks, and public places safe; and

**WHEREAS**, in October, 2015, the City Council adopted the Complete Streets Policy, which defines a complete street as to provide a safe, convenient, and context-sensitive facility for all modes of travel, for users of all ages and all abilities; and

**WHEREAS**, under the leadership of Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba's administration, we're working together to build a more human scale, equitable, and sustainable community for all; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the AARP Age Friendly Communities is to serve as a catalyst to educate, encourage, promote, and recognize improvements that make cities, towns, and counties more supportive not only of their older residents but for residents of all ages; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization (WHO) has developed a Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities to encourage and promote public policies to increase the number of cities and communities that support healthy aging and thereby improve the health, well-being, satisfaction, and quality of life for older Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, the WHO has developed eight domains of community life that influence the health and quality of life of older people:

1. Outdoor spaces and buildings – accessibility to and availability of clean, safe community centers, parks, and other recreational facilities;
2. Transportation – safe and affordable modes of private and public transportation, “Complete Streets” types of initiatives, hospitable built environments;

3. Housing – wide range of housing options for older residents, aging in place and other home modification programs, housing that is accessible to transportation and community and health services;
4. Social participation – access to leisure and cultural activities; opportunities for older residents to participate in social and civic engagement with their peers and younger people;
5. Respect and social inclusion – programs to support and promote ethnic and cultural diversity, programs to encourage multigenerational interaction and dialogue, programs to combat loneliness and isolation among older residents;
6. Civic participation and employment – promotion of paid work and volunteer opportunities for older residents; opportunities for older residents to engage in formulation of policies relevant to their lives;
7. Communication and information – promotion of and access to the use of technology to keep older residents connected to their community and friends and family, both near and far; and
8. Community support and health services – access to homecare services, clinics, programs to promote active ageing (physical exercise and healthy habits).

**WHEREAS**, partnering and exchanging ideas with AARP as their member will help enhance the City's ability to practice sound planning, establish a robust and concrete plan of action that responds to the needs identified by older adults in the community, and commit to measuring activities, reviewing action plan outcomes, and reporting them publicly; and

**WHEREAS**, engaging in the WHO Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Network of municipalities will encourage and promote public policies supporting healthy ageing.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Mayor is authorized to execute and submit an application and all related documents for AARP (originally named the American Association of Retired Persons) membership to join the AARP network of age-friendly communities and the World Health Organization (WHO) global network of age-friendly cities and communities.

**Council Member Banks** moved adoption; **Council Member Lindsay** seconded.

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Lindsay, Stamps and Tillman.

Nays- None.

Absent- Priester and Stokes.

**ATTEST:**

**Kristi Moore  
City Clerk**

**I, Kristi Moore, the duly appointed qualified City Clerk and lawful custodian of records of the Council and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular City Council Meeting on April 10, 2018 and recorded in Minute Book "6N".**

**WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.**

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**Kristi Moore, City Clerk**