

RESOLUTION NO. 143 OF 2024

**A RESOLUTION STRONGLY ENCOURAGING THE
MAYOR TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN
RELATION TO THE CONDITIONS OF THE
SHREVEPORT POLICE STATION, AND TO OTHERWISE
PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

BY: COUNCILMEMBERS TAYLOR, BOUCHER, GREEN

WHEREAS, for the last 5 year, the Shreveport Police Station located at 1234 Texas Avenue has increasingly come under scrutiny for its poor condition, which poses significant health and safety risks to officers, administrative staff, and the public; and

WHEREAS, hazardous issues such as mold infestations, inadequate heating and cooling systems have arisen; and

WHEREAS, the inadequacy of heating and cooling systems has rendered the workplace uncomfortable, affecting officers' ability to perform their duties effectively. Additionally, during extreme weather conditions, inadequate temperature control can lead to heat stress, further compromising the safety, well-being, and mental effectiveness of the officers and administrative staff; and

WHEREAS, addressing the working conditions of the Shreveport Police Station is critical to retaining officers and administrative staff and ensuring a stable law enforcement presence in Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2021, a bond measure was passed, allocating \$27,500,000 to financing the construction of a new state-of-the-art police station. The bond garnered significant support, with approximately 62% of voters in favor of the bond measure; and

WHEREAS, in spite of the bond's passage, construction on the new police station has not yet begun, leading to mounting frustration among officers, staff, citizens, and many members of the Shreveport City Council; and

WHEREAS, on numerous occasions, the City Council has requested that the Mayor and police chief relocate the officers and administrative staff to a safer working environment; yet, there has been no compliance to this request.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, hereby strongly encourages the Mayor to declare a state of emergency in relation to the conditions of the Shreveport Police Station and to immediately relocate the officers and administrative staff to a safer working environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of Shreveport City Charter Section 4.23.

THUS DONE AND RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office