



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 06/24/2025

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ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2425-128: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION TO SEEK MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS NETWORK OF AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES.

BACKGROUND:

An initiative founded in 2006 in conjunction with the World Health Organization (WHO) that supports the efforts of neighborhoods, towns, cities and rural areas to be great places for all people of all ages by providing safe, walkable streets; age friendly housing and transportation options; access to needed services; and opportunities for all residents of all ages to participate in community life.

AARP's Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities is a nationwide initiative designed to help communities become more inclusive and livable for people of all ages—especially older adults. By partnering with local leaders, organizations, and residents, the network focuses on improving critical aspects of community life such as transportation, housing, public spaces, and civic participation. The overarching goal is to foster environments that are safe, affordable, and accessible, enabling individuals to live independently, age in place, and stay engaged in their communities for as long as possible.

Application, certification, and membership means that Norman's leadership has made the commitment to actively work towards being a great place for people of all ages. There is no charge for the certification. Currently over 250 communities including two states have met the qualifications and are participating.

Currently, the City of Norman's 13.4% of Norman's population is 65 and over which totals approximately 17,150 individuals. By 2035 it is anticipated that this will rise from the current 13.4% to 19.6% of Norman residents that will be over the age of 65.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that Council adopts Resolution R-2425-128. The City of Norman hereby declares its commitment to becoming a part of the AARP Network of Certified Age-Friendly Communities by collaborating across departments to implement age-friendly strategies and pursue funding or partnerships where appropriate.