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**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL ORDINANCE DISTRICT FOR THE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORIC DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Central High School Neighborhood Historic District ("District") was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on August, 16, 1996; and,

WHEREAS, the District has become an endangered historical resource suffering from demolitions, property neglect, and inappropriate alterations, with twenty-three (23) historically significant structures being lost through demolition since 2010, and the National Register designation of the Central High District is now in jeopardy; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock has previously established a Historic District Commission ("Commission") by Ordinance No. 13,154 (May 4, 1976), as amended by Ordinance No. 14,042 (May 5, 1981); and,

WHEREAS, the Commission has investigated and reported on a proposed Local Ordinance District for the Central High School Neighborhood Historic District, and publication of notice has been made and a public hearing has been held as provided in said ordinance, and the Commission has submitted a final report which has been accepted by the Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock; and,

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Local Ordinance District is desirable and is in furtherance of the public interest and welfare to preserve and protect the Central High School Neighborhood Historic District, and the buildings, structures, and surroundings therein; and,

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Local Ordinance District for the Central High School Neighborhood Historic District has been proposed to accomplish the foregoing, pursuant to authority granted by Ark. Code Ann. §§ 14-172-201, *et seq.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:**

**Section 1.** It is hereby found and determined that the Central High School Neighborhood Historic District has a special character and a special historic and aesthetic interest and value, and represents architectural products of a distinct period in the history of the City of Little Rock, and that this District is in danger of having its integrity destroyed without adequate consideration of the irreplaceable loss of the aesthetic, historic, and cultural values represented by such a District, and therefore the preservation thereof is both feasible and desirable to the people of the City.

1 It is hereby declared as a matter of public policy that the protection, enhancement, perpetuation and  
2 use of the Central High School Neighborhood Historic District is a public necessity and is required in the  
3 interest of the health, prosperity, safety and welfare of the people of the City. The purpose of this  
4 ordinance is to: a) effect and accomplish the protection, enhancement and perpetuation of this District; b)  
5 safeguard the City's historic, aesthetic and cultural heritage, as embodied and reflected in this District; c)  
6 stabilize and improve the property values in this District; d) recognize and acknowledge an important part  
7 of the City's past; e) protect and enhance the City's attractions to tourists and visitors and the support and  
8 stimulus to business and industry thereby provided; and f) strengthen the economy of the City.

9 **Section 2.** The Local Ordinance District for the Central High School Neighborhood Historic District  
10 hereby created shall consist of that area of the City shown on Exhibit A which is attached hereto and  
11 made a part hereof and is more particularly described as follows:

12 Beginning at a point at the southeast corner of the intersection South Summit Street and  
13 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street at UTM E 564493 N 3843736, the boundary follows South Summit  
14 Street approximately 0.1 miles south to a point at the northeast corner of the intersection  
15 of South Summit Street and Wright Avenue at UTM E 564489 N 3843582. It then  
16 follows Wright Avenue southeast approximately 0.34 miles to a point at the northwest  
17 corner of the intersection of Wright Avenue and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive at  
18 UTM E 565035 N 3843558, where it then follows Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive  
19 north approximately 0.17 miles to a point at the southwest corner of the intersection of  
20 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive and West 17<sup>th</sup> Street at UTM E 565043 N 3843828.  
21 The boundary then follows West 17<sup>th</sup> Street approximately 0.27 miles west to a point at  
22 the southeast corner of the intersection of West 17<sup>th</sup> Street and South Battery Street UTM  
23 E 564606 N 3843844, where it follows South Battery Street approximately 0.1 miles  
24 south to a point at the northwest corner of the intersection of South Battery Street and  
25 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street UTM E 564603 N 3843734. It then follows West 18<sup>th</sup> Street  
26 approximately miles west to the beginning.

27 **Section 3. Severability.** In the event any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, subparagraph,  
28 item, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance is declared or adjudged to be invalid or  
29 unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining provisions of this  
30 ordinance, as if such invalid or unconstitutional provision was not originally a part of this ordinance.

31 **Section 4. Repealer.** All ordinances, resolutions, bylaws, and other matters inconsistent with this  
32 ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

33 **PASSED: March 7, 2023**

1 **ATTEST:**

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**Susan Langley, City Clerk**

5 **APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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**Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney**

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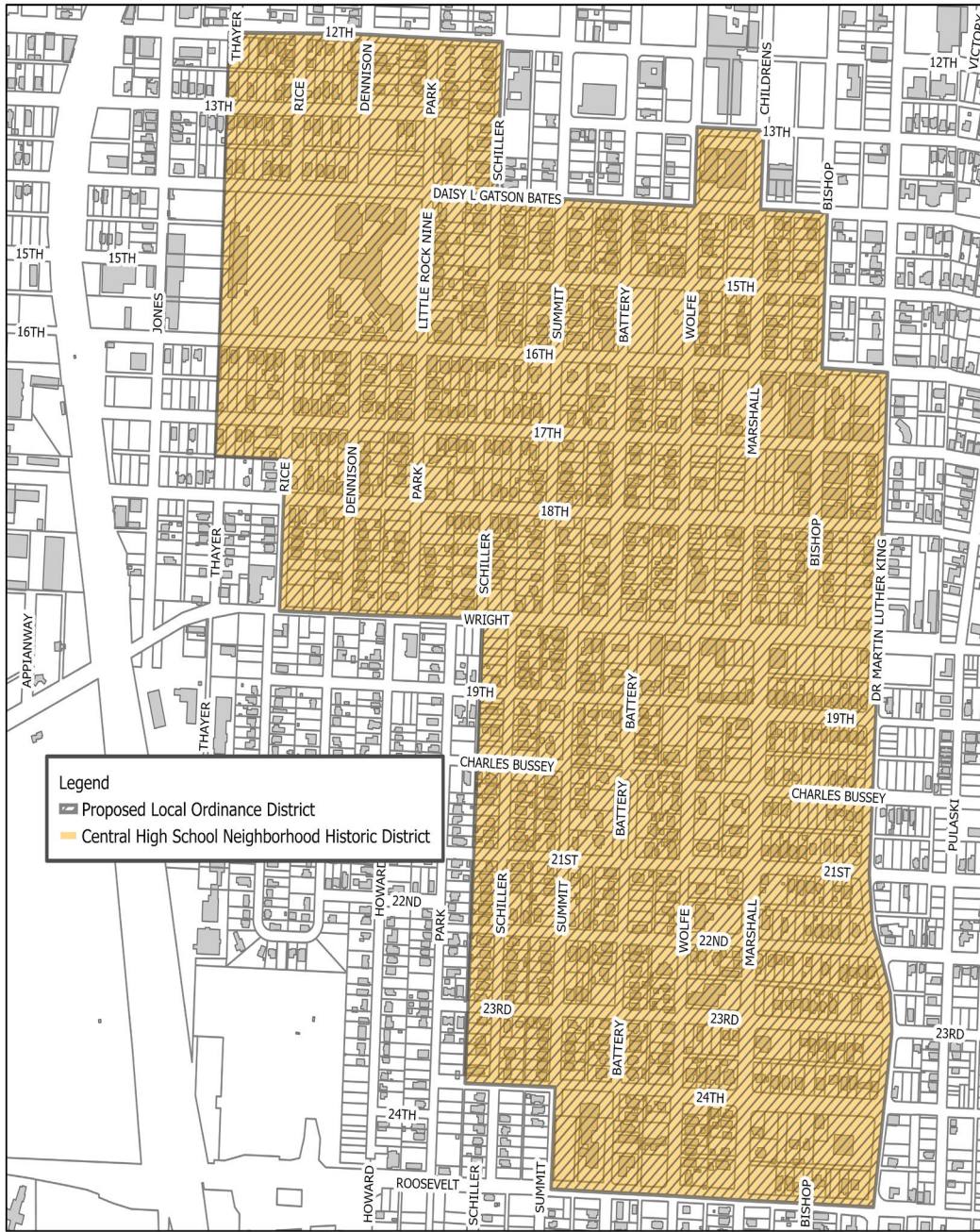
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**APPROVED:**

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**Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor**

# Exhibit A



## Central High School Neighborhood Historic District

