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3	A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH ESSENTIALLY A NINE (9)-MONTH
4	MORATORIUM ON THE APPROVAL OF ZONING REQUESTS FOR
5	RETAIL SALES USES OF LESS THAN 12,000 SQUARE-FEET, WHICH
6	CONTINUOUSLY OFFER FOR SALE AN INVENTORY OF LESS THAN
7	TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) PER ITEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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9	WHEREAS, the lack of access to fresh healthy food is a chronic and growing problem in Little Rock;
10	and,
11	WHEREAS, the proliferation of retail sales uses with floor area of less than 12,000 square-feet that
12	offer for sale a combination and variety of convenience shopping goods and consumer shopping goods, and
13	continuously offer a majority of the items in their inventory for sale at a price less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00)
14	per item exacerbates the problem; and,
15	WHEREAS, the lack of access to fresh health food contributes to significant chronic health issues,
16	such as obesity, hypertension, diabetes, cancer, and more; and,
17	WHEREAS, it is in the best public interest to promulgate policies that benefit residents.
18	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY
19	OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:
20	Section 1. The City of Little Rock, Arkansas ("the City"), declares a moratorium for a nine (9) months
21	from the date of this resolution on the approval of retail sales spaces that contain a floor area of less than
22	12,000 square-feet, and continuously offers a majority of items in its inventory for sale at a price of less
23	than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per item, provided that this matter shall be considered at the first monthly regular
24	meeting of the Board of Directors after the expiration of the moratorium.
25	Section 2. During the period that this moratorium is in effect, the Mayor and City Manager are
26	directed to review the geographic location of any food desert within the City, and to identify the number of
27	stores that would otherwise be impacted by this moratorium had it been in effect before they achieved their
28	current location.
29	Section 3. During the period that this moratorium is in effect, the Mayor and the City Manager are
30	directed to determine what federal grants might be available, and if appropriate to seek such grants, to assist
31	in the construction of full-service grocery stores within the determined food deserts.
32	Section 4. During the time that this moratorium is in effect, the Mayor and City Manager are directed
33	to hold public hearings in each ward of the City, and additional public hearings in each geographic area

1 determined to be a food desert, to obtain feedback as to the impact of the types of retail spaces which contain 2 a floor space of less than 12,000 square-feet, and continuously offer a majority of items in the inventory for 3 sale at a price of less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per item. 4 Section 5. Within thirty (30) days of the passage of this resolution, the Mayor and City Manager are 5 directed to create and make available an online interactive form on the City's website that residents and policymakers can use to submit ideas to address the problems of food deserts on a local community. 6 7 Section 6. The Mayor and City Manager are directed to investigate proposals that would facilitate the 8 opening of Full-Service Grocery Stores in any area determined to be a food desert, and to consider what 9 types of code actions the City can take to make such location a reality including, for example, but not 10 limited to the elimination or diminution of required parking spaces. 11 Section 7. In fulfilling the obligations set forth in this resolution, the Mayor and City Manager are 12 strongly encouraged to utilize advisers and resources from interested individuals, organizations, schools 13 such as the Harvard School of Public Health, and a review of policies, ordinances and resolutions directed 14 at such issues which have been approved, or are in consideration, by other municipalities. 15 Section 8. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or 16 word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or 17 adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution which shall remain in full force and 18 effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part of the 19 resolution. 20 Section 9. Repealer. All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with 21 the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency including, but not 22 limited to, Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,390 (October 6, 2020). 23 ADOPTED: January 18, 2022 24 ATTEST: APPROVED 25 26 27 Susan Langley, City Clerk Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor 28 APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM: 29 30 31 Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney 32 // 33 // 34 // 35 //