RESOLUTION NO.

3 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LITTLE 4 ROCK, ARKANSAS, AND GRANT COUNTY, ARKANSAS, GRANTING 5 THE LITTLE ROCK AMBULANCE 6 AUTHORITY, D/B/A**METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ("MEMS") AN** 7 **EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO PROVIDE AMBULANCE SERVICES TO** 8 9 **GRANT COUNTY, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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WHEREAS, the Little Rock Ambulance Authority, d/b/a Metropolitan Emergency Medical Services ("MEMS") has operated pursuant to an exclusive Franchise to provide all Ambulance Services (emergency and non-emergency) to Grant County, Arkansas, per an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Little Rock and Grant County entered into in 2017 and extended in 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock and Grant County wish to extend said Interlocal Agreement to continue such exclusive Franchise for Ambulance Services to Grant County; and,

WHEREAS, MEMS has represented to the Board of Directors that it has the capability and resources
to provide such service without increasing expenses or rates for Little Rock citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors believes that it is beneficial to have MEMS provide Ambulance
 Services to Grant County and thereby promote the health and welfare of the citizens of Grant County;
 and,

WHEREAS, the delivery of Ambulance Services (emergency and non-emergency) to Grant County
 will enhance MEMS' financial soundness and increase its ability to deliver high-quality Emergency
 Medical Services to all citizens within its service area.

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

Section 1. The Board hereby authorizes a three (3)-year extension of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Grant County, Arkansas, granting MEMS an Exclusive Franchise to provide Ambulance Services (emergency and non-emergency) to Grant County.

30 Section 2. For purposes of this resolution, the term "Ambulance Services" shall include the 31 transportation and care provided the critically ill or injured prior to arrival at a medical facility and within 32 a medical facility subject to the individual approval of the Medical Staff and Governing Board of that 33 facility, and further the transport to or from medical facilities including, but not limited to, hospitals, nursing homes, physician's offices, and other health care facilities, of persons who are infirm or injured
and who are transported in a reclining position or who are ill but considered to be non-emergency in
status and who request ambulance transportation.

4 Section 3. *Severability*. In the event any portion of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be 5 invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of this 6 resolution, which shall remain in full force and effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or 7 unconstitutional was not originally a part of this resolution.

8 Section 4. *Repealer*. All ordinances and resolutions, and parts thereof, which are in conflict with any 9 provision of this resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

10	ADOPTED:	November 21, 2023	
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ATTEST: APPROVED: 11 12 13 14 Susan Langley, City Clerk Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor 15 **APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:** 16 17 18 **Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney** 19 \parallel 20 // 21 \parallel 22 // 23 // 24 // 25 \parallel 26 \parallel 27 \parallel 28 \parallel 29 \parallel 30 \parallel 31 \parallel

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