OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION FEBRUARY 15, 2022 AGENDA

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
Franchise Agreement for encroachments into right-of- way adjacent to 1220 South Main Street for SOMA Storefronts, LLC,	√ Ordinance Resolution	
Submitted By:		
Public Works Department		Bruce T. Moore City Manager
SYNOPSIS	An ordinance to authorize the granting of a Franchise Agreement for encroachments into the right-of-way for SOMA Storefronts, LLC, in order to erect a deck, railing and gate for the placement of tables and chairs for outdoor dining on the sidewalk directly in front of 1220 South Main Street.	
FISCAL IMPACT	None.	
RECOMMENDATION	Approval of the ordinance.	
BACKGROUND	The applicant, SOMA Storefronts, LLC, the adjacent property owner, is requesting the granting of a Franchise in order to install a deck, erect railing with a gate and place tables and chairs for outdoor dining on the sidewalk adjacent to 1220 South Main Street. The applicant proposes the construction of a combination	
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BACKGROUND CONTINUED

The applicant proposes the construction of a combination concrete and wood deck with metal railing and one (1) gate encompassing approximately 300 square-feet within the public right-of-way.

The proposed site plan shows to remove two (2) public parking spaces and install new curb and gutter and seven (7)-foot wide sidewalk on the east side of deck adjacent to Main Street in compliance with City of Little Rock details and specifications for construction within the public right-of-way and ADA guidelines.

The applicant has agreed to pay an annual Franchise Fee of \$1,800.00 for the use of the sidewalk for outdoor dining equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the lease based on the rental of square-foot for the business and the loss of two (2) public parking spaces at \$800.00, for a total payment of \$2,600.00 per year.

Staff recommends approval to authorize the Mayor to execute documents in a form acceptable to the City Attorney that grant a formal Franchise to, including its assigns and successors, to allow the encroachments into the City of Little Rock right-of-way on Main Street as described in the site plan.