1	ORDINANCE NO	
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3	AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND LITTLE ROCK, ARK., REV. CODE § 32-	
4	546 (1988) TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITON OF THE TERM PUBLIC	
5	ASSEMBLY IN THE CITY CODE PROVISIONS THAT ADDRESS THE	
6	PERMIT PROCESS FOR PARADES AND PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES; AND	
7	FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
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9	WHEREAS, on September 18, 2001, the Board of Directors passed Little Rock Ordinance No.	
10	18,569, which provided for, among other things, a permitting process for parades and public assemblies;	
11	and,	
12	WHEREAS, the definition of public assembly did not contain a specified number of persons required	
13	to meet the definition of the term consistent with court decisions in existence at the time of the passage of	
14	the ordinance, and	
15	WHEREAS, subsequent court decisions have found that it is appropriate to specify the number of	
16	persons required to constitute a public assembly, and	
17	WHEREAS, clarification of the number of persons required to meet the definition of a public	
18	assembly will assist the City Department responsible for issuing permits for public assemblies, and ensure	
19	that the City's Code is consistent with the most recent court decisions.	
20	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY	
21	OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:	
22	Section 1. Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code § 32-546 (1988) is hereby amended as follows:	
23	Public assembly means any meeting, demonstration, picket line, rally or gathering of more than	
24	twenty (20) persons for a common purpose as a result of prior planning that interferes with the normal	
25	flow or regulation of pedestrian or vehicular traffic or occupies any public area in a place open to the	
26	general public.	
27	Section 2. 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 3. Repealer. All ordinances, resolutions, bylaws, and other matters inconsistent with this	
32	ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.	

1	Section 4. Emergency Clause. The ability	Section 4. Emergency Clause. The ability to establish proper time, place and manner restrictions		
2	for the use of public areas and public rights-of-way for the robust expression of opinions, views, and speech, is essential to the maintenance of a democratic society, as is the ability to assure that the specific target of speech is entitled to appropriate protection without infringing upon the expressive rights of others; further the ability of a local government to establish reasonable time, place and manner			
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6	restrictions on speech in public areas in order to assure public safety, and to address other necessary			
7	governmental concerns without infringing upon the expressive rights of others, is essential to protect the public health, safety and welfare; to the extent that the ordinance considers and addresses issues			
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9	addressed by the United States Supreme Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth			
10	Circuit and other Federal and State Courts throughout the United States on the item addressed herein,			
11	and in doing so helps to clarify and modify the provisions of existing City ordinances, it is essential that			
12	this ordinance be, and hereby is declared to be, in full force and effect after the date of its passage.			
13	PASSED: March 3, 2015			
14	ATTEST:	APPROVED:		
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17	Susan Langley, City Clerk	Mark Stodola, Mayor		
18	APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:			
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