1	ORDINANCE NO
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3	AN ORDINANCE TO SEEK INCLUSIVENESS ON ALL CITY BOARDS
4	AND COMMISSIONS BY ASSURING AT LEAST ONE (1)
5	REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH WARD SERVES ON A COMMISSION
6	AS A VOTING MEMBER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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8	WHEREAS, in addition to the Mayor and Members of the Board of Directors, the City receives
9	invaluable input from the various Boards and Commissions that address municipal issues; and,
10	WHEREAS, in an attempt to assure the most inclusive membership on such Boards and Commissions,
11	and the widest range of views and insights to the work they perform, the Board of Directors believes that it
12	is important that a representative from each Ward serve on a Board or Commission where possible;
13	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY
14	OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:
15	Section 1. For any Municipal Board or Commission, whether created by the City or by State Statute,
16	one (1) member from each Ward of the City shall be selected for membership if the membership:
17	(a) Is selected by the Mayor with consent of the Board of Directors; and,
18	(b) Is made up of seven (7) or more members, or should the number of wards within the City
19	increase by a number that equals or exceeds the number of Wards; and,
20	(c) Is not restricted to certain types of positions such an property ownership in a particular area,
21	or special expertise; and,
22	(d) Is essentially appointed by the Commission and the Board of Directors can only accept or reject
23	the appointment.
24	Section 2. In order to not disrupt any existing terms of the current membership on a City Board or
25	Commission, this ordinance shall apply upon the expiration of the current term of a member, whether it is
26	a first or subsequent term, in the following manner:
27	(a) A determination shall be made if the board or commission currently has a representative from
28	each Ward within the City serving in a voting position:
29	(i) If so, then the Board or Commission shall draw lots for the number of Wards within
30	the City, and that will be the order used to appoint a successor member;
31	(ii) If the person currently serving lives in the Ward that would be designated for the next
32	appointment, and that member is eligible to serve another term, then that member may
33	be reappointed;

1	(iii) If the person currently serving does not live in the Ward designated for the next	
2	appointment, then the successor shall be a citizen who resides in the designated Ward;	
3	(b) If a determination is made that the board or commission does not currently have a representative	
4	from each Ward in the City serving in a voting position:	
5	(i) Then the Board or Commission shall draw lots for the number of Wards within the	
6	City, and that will be the order used to appoint a successor member;	
7	(ii) Then the Board or Commission shall draw lots for the number of Wards within the	
8	City, and the successor member shall be selected who resides in the designated ward;	
9	(A) If it is possible to do so and meet any statutory or ordinance membership	
10	requirements that members of the Board or Commission must possess;	
11	and,	
12	(B) If the Board or Commission has a current member to fulfill all statutory or	
13	ordinance requirements for membership even though the current appointee	
14	does not possess such qualifications.	
15	Section 3. Nothing in this ordinance expands the current number of persons to be appointed to any	
16	City or State-created Board or Commission.	
17	Section 4. The City Attorney shall prepare an appropriate ordinance to place the requirements of this	
18	ordinance into the requirements of the membership section of any City Board or Commission in a	
19	expeditious manner so each such ordinance can be properly amended.	
20	Section 5. This ordinance is to be codified.	
21	Section 6. The provisions of this ordinance shall control any appointment of a member of a board or	
22	commission that arises after the date of passage which was not already advertised by the City to be	
23	considered by the Mayor and members of the Board of Directors.	
24	Section 7. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase or word	
25	of this ordinance is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional such declaration or adjudication	
26	shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect as if the	
27	portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part of the ordinance.	
28	Section 8. Repealer. All laws, ordinances, resolutions, and parts of the same that are inconsistent with	
29	the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.	
30	PASSED: March 7, 2017	
31	ATTEST: APPROVED:	
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34	Susan Langley, City Clerk Mark Stodola, Mayor	

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