1	ORDINANCE NO		
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3	AN ORDINANCE IMPOSE A SUNDAY THROUGH SATURDAY		
4	JUVENILE CURFEW FROM 9:00 PM TO 5:00 AM IN ANY DESIGNATED		
5	ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY; TO IMPOSE A		
6	SUNDAY THROUGH SATURDAY JUVENILE CURFEW FROM 9:00 PM		
7	TO 5:00 AM IN ANY DESIGNATED CITY PARK; TO DECLARE AN		
8	EMERGENCY; AND, FOR OTHER PURPOSES.		
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10	WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock, Arkansas ("the City"), has in place a Juvenile Curfew Ordinance		
11	throughout the corporate limits of the City from Sunday through Thursday night for the hours of 10:00 PM		
12	until 5:00 AM, as set forth in Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code § 17-24 (a) (1988); and,		
13	WHEREAS, pursuant to Arkansas State Law as set out in Ark. Code Ann. § 14-54-1412, as amende		
14	by 2023 ARK. ACTS 334 and as may be further amended in the future, has been declared a Temporary		
15	or a Permanent, Entertainment District in accordance with the Little Rock, Arkansas, Code of Ordinance		
16	and,		
17	WHEREAS, such Entertainment Districts not only permit the sale of alcoholic beverages, but also		
18	permit people to be on the streets with alcoholic beverages in such Districts; and,		
19	WHEREAS, such a situation makes it virtually impossible for the City to protect juveniles from the		
20	illegal use of alcohol, or effectively enforce of the laws that prohibit the illegal use or access to alcoholi		
21	beverages by juveniles; and,		
22	WHEREAS, the City does not have sufficient Law Enforcement Officers to patrol City Parks in the		
23	evening hours to assure that juveniles are not subject to the use or abuse of alcoholic beverages within		
24	public park; and,		
25	WHEREAS, the City believes that in this particular areas juveniles should be accompanied by adults.		
26	or not be permitted to be in such places.		
27	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY		
28	OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:		
29	<b>Section 1.</b> Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code § 17.5-24 (a) (1988) is hereby amended to read as follows:		
30	(a)(1) It shall be unlawful for any minor to be upon the streets, sidewalks, parks,		
31	playgrounds, public places, vacant lots, or to ride in or upon, drive or otherwise operate or		
32	be a passenger of any automobile, bicycle, or other vehicle in, upon, over or through the		
33	streets, or other public places between the hours of 10:00 PM and 5:00 AM, Sunday		
34	through Thursday, or 12:00 midnight and 5:00 AM, Friday and Saturday;		

1	(2) It shall be unlawful for any minor to be upon the streets, sidewalks, playgrounds,		
2	public places, vacant lots, or to ride in or upon, drive or otherwise operate or be a passenger		
3	of any automobile, bicycle, or other vehicle, over or through or the streets or other public		
4	places and a Temporary Entertainment District, or a Permanent Entertainment District		
5	authorized by ordinance of the Board of Directors, Sunday through Saturday between the		
6	hours of 9:00 PM, or 5:00 AM.		
7	Section 2. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or		
8	word of this ordinance is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or		
9	adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance which shall remain in full force and		
10	effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part of the		
11	ordinance.		
12	Section 3. Repealer. All ordinances, resolutions, bylaws, and other matters inconsistent with this		
13	ordinance including, but not limited to Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code § 2-116 (1988), and Little Rock, Ark.,		
14	Ordinance No. 22,215, § 8 (December 20, 2022), are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.		
15	Section 4. Emergency. The ability of the City to assure the safety of its minor citizens from being the		
16	victims of crime, and to help assure that they do not become the perpetrators of crime, is essential to the		
17	public health, safety, and welfare, particularly in areas where the use of alcoholic beverages is permitted		
18	such as on open streets in a Temporary or Permanent Entertainment District, or in a public park for which		
19	there is little or no supervision or enforcement mechanism during evening hours; an emergency is,		
20	therefore, declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its		
21	passage.		
22	PASSED: June 6, 2023		
23	ATTEST:	APPROVED:	
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25 26	Susan Langley, City Clerk	Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor	
27	APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:	Frank Scott, 51., Mayor	
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30	Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney		
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