1	ORDINANCE NO.			
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3	AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND LITTLE ROCK, ARK., REV. CODE § 5-			
4	72(A) (1988) TO CHANGE THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS OF THE			
5	METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; AND, FOR			
6	OTHER PURPOSES.			
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8	WHEREAS, the City created the Little Rock, Ark., Emergency Medical Health Care Facilities Board			
9	pursuant to Little Rock, Ark. Ordinance No. 14,062 (June 16, 1981), to provide Emergence Medical			
10	Services within its jurisdiction; and,			
11	WHEREAS, this Facilities Board is also known as the Little Rock Ambulance Authority, and does			
12	business in the various cities and counties within the Central Arkansas area under the business name of			
13	Metropolitan Emergency Medical Services, and is commonly referred to as MEMS; and,			
14	WHEREAS, MEMS is required to carry certain amounts of insurance pursuant to City of Little Rock			
15	ordinance which are excessive and are no longer practical or feasible; and,			
16	WHEREAS, in its history, MEMS has never reached the limits of its insurance coverage but is			
17	currently facing a 61% increase of insurance premiums due to claims, some of which are being currently			
18	contested; and,			
19	WHEREAS, cities are granted authority to regulate Emergency Medical Services pursuant to the			
20	Municipal Ambulance Licensing Act, Ark. Code Ann. §§ 14-266-101, et seq. (West 2004); and,			
21	WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that it is in the best interests of the City to require			
22	MEMS to carry One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) Aggregate Coverage instead of an umbrella policy			
23	for the same amount; and,			
24	WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that it is in the best interests of the City to abolish			
25	the requirement that MEMS carry Uninsured Motorist Coverage.			
26	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY			
27	OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:			
28	Section 1. LRC § 5-72 (a) is hereby permanently amended to read as follows:			
29	(a) The Authority shall maintain the following insurance:			
30	(1) Automobile Liability Insurance in an amount not less than One Hundred Thousand Dollars			
31	(\$100,000.00) for injury to or death of, one (1) person, by reason of the carelessness or			
32	negligence of the driver of such ambulance, and Three Hundred Thousand Dollars			
33	(\$300,000.00) for injury to, or death of, more than one (1) person, resulting from any single			
34	accident, by reason of the carelessness or negligence of the driver of such ambulance, and			

Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for damage to property resulting from any single			
accident, by reason of the carelessness or negligence of the driver of such ambulance,			
issued by an insurance company licensed to do business in the state for each and every			
ambulance owned or operated, or both owned and operated, by the ambulance authority,			
providing for the payment of damages:			
a	. For injury to or death of individu	als in accidents resulting from any cause for which	
	the owner of the vehicle would be	be liable on account of liability imposed on him by	
	law, regardless of whether the	ambulance was being driven by the owner or his	
	agent; and		
b. For the loss or damage to the property of another under like circumstances.			
(2) Malpractice Insurance providing a limitation on each claim of not less than Five Hundred			
Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).			
(3) One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) Aggregate Coverage.			
Section 2. Repealer. All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with			
the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency including, but not			
limited to, Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 14,511 (September 20, 1983) and Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance			
No. 17,255 (August 6, 1996).			
Section 3. Emergency Clause. The ability to efficiently and effectively provide Emergency Medical			
Health Services to all citizens is essential to the public health, safety, and welfare, and maintaining some			
control over costs and resources while doing so makes it possible to maintain such an important public			
service. This ordinance allows the Little Rock Ambulance Authority to permit some modification of the			
insurance requirement. An emergency, therefore, is declared to exist and this ordnance shall be in full			
force and effe	ect from and after the date of its pas	ssage.	
PASSED: Ju	ıne 9, 2020		
ATTEST:		APPROVED:	
Susan Langl	ey, City Clerk	Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor	
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Thomas M. (Carpenter, City Attorney		
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