1	ORDINANCE NO		
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3	AN ORDINANCE TO DISPENSE WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF		
4	COMPETITIVE BIDS AS BEING IMPRACTICAL AND UNFEASIBLE TO		
5	ALLOW THE RENEWAL OF A LEGAL RESEARCH AGREEMENT		
6	WITH THOMSON REUTERS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND		
7	FOR OTHER PURPOSES.		
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9	WHEREAS, it is absolutely necessary for the City Attorney's Office to have access to a digital legal		
10	research vehicle in order properly to deal with the contracts, legal issues, legislation, and litigation, that is		
11	handled by their office; and,		
12	WHEREAS, the office has had in place a contract with Thomson Reuters for several years (typically		
13	referred to as Westlaw Next) which provides, among other things, access to over thirty (30) times as many		
14	Arkansas trial decisions, an exclusive index for Arkansas Statutes (which the office also uses in a hardbound		
15	version); and also provides exclusive access to secondary sources that are used by the office including, but		
16	not limited to, the Arkansas Model Jury Instructions, and treatises are Arkansas civil practice and procedure		
17	and damages. In addition, it provides access to numerous Federal litigation and regulatory matters that are		
18	dealt with daily by the City; and, finally, a platform that all of the attorneys are currently trained to use, and		
19	receive continued free training as needed, and which will not have to be relearned in the midst of		
20	significant litigation case load and significant legal issue caseload; and,		
21	WHEREAS, the office has considered numerous other products in the past, and on occasion has		
22	reviewed these projects and found that they were not capable of meeting the needs of the office; and,		
23	WHEREAS, it is necessary to renew the Thomson Reuters agreement, and in the process to receive a		
24	partial discount on the current service costs, and it is impractical and unfeasible to exercise formal		
25	competitive bids since all of the features, and the familiarity, with Thomson Reuters is not available in any		
26	other product, hence use of this product is in the overall best interests of the City;		
27	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY		
28	OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:		
29	Section 1. The Board has determined for the unique research vehicle required for the City Attorney's		
30	Office it is impractical and unfeasible to submit this contract to formal competitive bidding, and that such		
31	action with this unique platform is in the best interests of the City.		
32	Section 2. The City Manager, or by his direct delegation the City Attorney, is authorized to enter into		

an agreement with Thomson Reuters in a form similar to that attached as Exhibit A to this Agreement.

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1	Section 3. Severability. In the event any title, subtitle, section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph,		
2	subparagraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or work of this ordinance is declared or adjudged to be invalid		
3	or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance		
4	which shall remain in full force and effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or		
5	unconstitutional was not originally a part of this ordinance.		
6	Section 4. Repealer. All ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same that are inconsistent with the		
7	provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.		
8	Section 5. Emergency Clause. The ability of to conduct reliable legal research on a number of topics		
9	with access to numerous data bases, particularly of Arkansas law, is essential to the Office of the City		
10	Attorney and the ability to address the legal needs of the Mayor and Board of Directors, the City, and the		
11	citizens; the need to renew a contract that provides a digital platform that meets this need is essential to		
12	the public health, safety and welfare; an emergency is, therefore, declared to exist and this ordinance shall		
13	be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.		
14	PASSED: August 16, 2016		
15	ATTEST:	APPROVED:	
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17	Susan Langley, City Clerk	Moult Stadala Mayon	
18		Mark Stodola, Mayor	
19	APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:		
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