ORDINANCE NO. ______

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND LITTLE ROCK, ARK., REV. CODE § 2-242 (a) (1988) TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF TIME THAT BIDS MAY BE RECEIVED FOLLOWING THE DATE OF INVITATION TO BID IF THE COMPLEXITY OF THE BID ISSUE WARRANTS SUCH AN EXTENSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, upon review of existing bid ordinances, staff believes that the purchasing process could be improved for both staff and respondents by authorizing the City Manager to increase the maximum amount of time bids may be received following the date of invitation to bid if the complexity of the bid issue warrants such an extension;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code § 2-242 (a)(1) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Where the amount of expenditure for any purchase or contract authorized in Section 2-241 exceeds Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) or more, the City Manager, or his authorized agent, shall invite competitive bidding thereon by legal advertisement published one (1)-time in any local daily newspaper; bids received pursuant to the advertisement shall be opened not less than seven (7) days, nor more than thirty (30) days following the date of invitation to bid unless the City Manager authorizes an increase in the maximum number of days the bid shall be open due to the complex nature of the bid issue. Any such extension in the maximum number of days the bid shall be open must be authorized prior to the bid opening.

Section 2. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional was not originally a part of the ordinance. Section 3. Repealer. All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

PASSED: September 6, 2016
ATTEST:  

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Susan Langley, City Clerk               Mark Stodola, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney