ORDINANCE NO. __________

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND LITTLE ROCK, ARK., ORDINANCE NO. 19,246 (DECEMBER 7, 2004) TO ADD THE SEPTEMBER 2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN AS ADDITIONAL PROJECTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL PROJECT PLAN DATED DECEMBER 7, 2004, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO IMPROVE ANY AND ALL ROADS LOCATED WITHIN THE PORT OF LITTLE ROCK REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 2; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock approved the Project Plan dated December 7, 2004, of the Port of Little Rock Redevelopment District No. 2 as specified in Section 5 of Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 19,246, and

WHEREAS, the project plan needs to be amended to include those projects described in the September 2015 Capital Improvements Plan of the Port of Little Rock Redevelopment District No. 2 of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, including improving any and all roads that are located within the Redevelopment District in addition to those projects listed in the original project plan dated December 7, 2004; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing on the approval to the amendment to the Project Plan, to be held before the Board of Directors on September 6, 2016, at 6:00 PM. at Little Rock City Hall, 500 West Markham Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72201, was sent by first-class mail to the Chief Executive Officer of all local governmental and taxing entities having the power to levy taxes on property located within the Port of Little Rock Redevelopment District No. 2 of the City of Little Rock and to the school board of any school district which includes property located within the redevelopment district, specifically, the Superintendent of Schools of the Little Rock School District of Pulaski County, the School Board of the Little Rock School District of Pulaski County, the Mayor of the City of Little Rock, the Pulaski County Judge, and the Pulaski County Treasurer, on July 21, 2016, and was published four (4) consecutive Mondays, starting on August 1, August 8, August 15, and August 22, 2016, in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Little Rock; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Little Rock Port Authority have met with representatives of the Little Rock School District of Pulaski County, and the Central Arkansas Library System; and

WHEREAS, the amendment to the proposed Project Plan has been presented to the Board of Directors and is on file with the City Clerk, which amended the Project Plan dated December 7, 2004, to
include those projects listed in the September 2015 Capital Improvements Plan of the Port of Little Rock Redevelopment District No. 2, consisting generally of public infrastructure projects including reconstruction of streets within the redevelopment district to bring them to interstate-weight capable standards, installation of water and sewer lines to areas within the redevelopment district that are not currently served, construction of dockside improvements including cranes and warehouses, construction of additional railroad facilities, and site preparation; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing has been held on this date at the time and in the place advertised, and interested parties have been afforded a reasonable opportunity to express their views on the amended project plan; and

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

Section 1. That the Port of Little Rock Redevelopment District No. 2 of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas Project Plan dated December 7, 2004, as described in Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 19,824, has been amended to include those projects described in the September 2015 Capital Improvements Plan of the Port of Little Rock Redevelopment District No. 2 of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, and for the right to improve any and all roads that are located within the Port of Little Rock Redevelopment District No. 2.

Section 2. That the Project Plan dated December 7, 2004, has been amended as of the date of adoption of this ordinance.

Section 3. That the Board of Directors hereby finds and determines that the amended project plan will benefit the property within the redevelopment district by discouraging the loss of commerce, industry, or employment and by increasing employment.

Section 4. The Board of Directors hereby finds and determines that the amended project plan includes the information required by Ark. Code. Ann § 14-168-306 (b) and hereby approves the amended project plan in the form presented to the Board of Directors at this meeting.

Section 5. 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 this 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 this ordinance.

Section 6. Repealer. All ordinances, resolutions, bylaws, and other matters inconsistent with this ordinance, particularly including but not limited to Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 19,246, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. Emergency. The Board of Directors hereby determines that the amended project plan authorized in this amended ordinance must be accomplished as soon as possible in order to obtain the
funds necessary to discourage the loss of commerce, industry, or employment and to increase employment in the City and, therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance, being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

PASSED: August 16, 2016

ATTEST:                                         APPROVED:

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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

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