ORDINANCE NO. ______

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE LITTLE ROCK TRANSPORTATION CODE, LITTLE ROCK, ARK., REV. CODE § 34-1 TO § 34-141 (1988); TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, has adopted a comprehensive Transportation Code which governs the operation of vehicles for hire within the corporate limits of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, and

WHEREAS, there is now a desired to amend the Transportation Code.

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

Section 1. Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code § 34-4(1988), Definitions, Taxicab, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Taxicab shall mean motor-driven vehicles clearly marked as such, equipped with a taximeter and having a seating capacity not in excess of eight (8) passengers, including the driver, and used for the transportation of persons for hire. A taxicab shall be four seven (47) model years old or newer when initially inspected to be placed into service and shall be removed from service at the end of its eighth(8th) model year. Taxicabs modified to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (ADA), may include motor vehicles designed for fifteen (15) passengers or less, including the driver. Such a vehicle so modified shall not have a seating capacity in excess of eight (8) passengers, including the driver. Unless the context otherwise requires, as used in this chapter, the term "taxicab" shall be deemed to include taxicabs, livery vehicles, premium taxicabs, and all other demand-response vehicles not otherwise regulated by this chapter, provided that this definition does not apply to emergency medical health vehicles.”

Section 2. Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code § 34-4(1988), Definitions, Taximeter, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Taximeter, or meter, or other electronic device shall mean a device which mechanically or electronically computes and registers in dollars and cents for viewing by the passenger the fare based upon mileage distance traveled.”
Section 3. Severability. In the event any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, subparagraph, 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 provisions of this ordinance, as if such invalid or unconstitutional provision was not originally a part of this ordinance.

Section 4. Repealer. All ordinances, resolutions, bylaws, and other matters inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 5. Emergency. Since the City’s Transportation Code was intended to be a comprehensive codification of ordinances dealing with for-hire transportation within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, and such regulation is essential to protect the public health, safety and welfare, an emergency is declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of this adoption.

PASSED: January 17, 2017

ATTEST: APPROVED:

Susan Langley, City Clerk Mark Stodola, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney