ORDINANCE NO. _________

AN ORDINANCE TO NAME THE ARKANSAS MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS LOCATED IN MacARTHUR PARK; TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF LITTLE ROCK, ARK. ORDINANCE NO. 11,111 (SEPTEMBER 6, 1960); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 5,235 (May 6, 1935), the City of Little Rock, Arkansas (“the City”), authorized the construction of a suitable Museum of Fine Arts on the grounds of MacArthur Park, then known as Little Rock City Park, and created a Board of Trustees to manage and control the museum; and,

WHEREAS, on July 8, 1957, the City authorized the solicitation and receipt of funds to equip the museum, and to equip and added facilities; and,

WHEREAS, it was determined that the name of the museum should be changed to the Arkansas Arts Center, and that its Board of Trustees, appointed by the City, should be known as the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Arts Center in Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 11,111 (September 6, 1960); and,

WHEREAS, after a successful election to levy a 1% gross receipts tax on hotels and lodging, the City issued Thirty-Seven Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($37,500,000.00) in Revenue Bonds pursuant to Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 21,564 (March 28, 2018), which expressly permitted the use of other funds made available for the purposes of the improvements financed by the Bonds; and,

WHEREAS, after substantial contributions from patrons of the arts, and very effective cooperation between the Board of Trustees for the Arkansas Arts Center, and the Arkansas Arts Center Foundation Board, it has been determined that a more appropriate name for the structure and its activities is the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts; and,

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2021, Mayor Frank Scott, Jr., issued a special proclamation which declared “that from this point forward the new facility for the arts in MacArthur Park shall be named the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts”.

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

Section 1. Section 1 of Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 11,111 (September 6, 1960), is hereby amended to read as follows:

The institution known as the Arkansas Arts Center shall be known from this point forward as the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts. The museum shall continue to exist as a part of the
Little Rock Parks & Recreation Department under the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts.

Section 2. Severability. In the event any title, subtitle, section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, subparagraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or work 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 this ordinance.

Section 3. Repealer. All ordinances and resolutions, and parts of the same, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency

PASSED: January 26, 2021

ATTEST:               APPROVED:

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Susan Langley, City Clerk         Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney

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