ORDINANCE NO. __________

AN ORDINANCE TO DISPENSE WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF
COMPETITIVE BIDS; TO AUTHORIZE AN EXTENSION OF THE
SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH NORTHROP
GRUMMAN SYSTEMS CORPORATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-
NINE DOLLARS ($25,839.00), PLUS TAXES, FOR UP TO FIVE (5)
MONTHS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CITY MANAGER; TO
DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City uses a Computer-Aided Dispatch System for its 911 operations; and,
WHEREAS, this system is managed by Northrop Grumman Information Technology, Inc., through
software purchased by the City in 1996; and,
WHEREAS, Northrop Grumman Information Technology, Inc., has merged with and into its parent
company Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation (“Northrop Grumman”); and,
WHEREAS, because this software is a Northrop Grumman proprietary application, only Northrop
Grumman is authorized to provide the necessary updates and maintenance service required to protect
against a shut-down of the 911 Dispatch System; and,
WHEREAS, the City and Northrop Grumman entered into a five (5)-year Software Maintenance
Agreement (the “Agreement”) effective December 1, 2009, whereby Northrop Grumman was to provide
Altaris Software maintenance services for the Customer's Computer Aided Dispatch System; and,
WHEREAS, the parties desire to extend the term of the Agreement for up to five (5) months at the
discretion of the City Manager, under the Scope of the Agreement; and,
WHEREAS, the parties also desire to also amend the Price and Payment schedule to the Agreement.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY
OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an extension for up to five (5) months,
at the City Manager’s discretion, of the Agreement with Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation, in a
form to be approved by the City Attorney, for Altaris Software maintenance services for a total amount
not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred Thirty-Nine Dollars ($25,839.00), plus taxes, as
follows:
$15,503.25 for: December 1, 2014 to February 28, 2015

$ 5,167.75 for: March 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015

$ 5,167.75 for: April 1, 2015 to April 30, 2015

Section 2. Because of the need to have periodic software maintenance performed by Northrop Grumman technicians in order to comply with the Northrop Grumman Altaris Software license requirements and to protect the Computer-Aided Dispatch System for essential 911 services, the Board of Directors declares that it is impractical and unfeasible to submit this matter to a competitive bid process, and, therefore, waives competitive bidding.

Section 3. Funds for the specific agreement extension authorized by this ordinance are available in the City’s Network Operations Account No. 103001-63211.

Section 4. 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 were not originally a part of the ordinance.

Section 5. Repealer. All ordinances and resolutions, and parts thereof, which are in conflict with any provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 6. Emergency. The need for immediate and uninterrupted software maintenance services is necessary to protect the City’s critical 911 Dispatch System for essential City services, and, therefore, is crucial to protect the public health, safety and welfare; an emergency is, therefore, declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

PASSED: January 6, 2015

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