

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
OCTOBER 6, 2025 AGENDA**

Subject: An ordinance to expand the Board of Commissioners for the Yorkwood Recreational Improvement District No. 3. Submitted By: Director Joan Adcock	Action Required: √ Ordinance Resolution	Approved By: Delphone Hubbard City Manager
SYNOPSIS	An ordinance to expand the Board of Commissioners for the Yorkwood Recreational Improvement District No. 3 from three (3) to seven (7) members.	
FISCAL IMPACT	None.	
RECOMMENDATION	Approval of the ordinance.	
BACKGROUND	<p>The Yorkwood Recreational Improvement District No. 3 of Pulaski County, Arkansas ("the District") was originally created as a Pulaski County Improvement District but now lies within the corporate limits of the City of Little Rock ("the City"). As a result, all legislative actions concerning the District must be undertaken by the Little Rock Board of Directors.</p> <p>The District encompasses approximately 158 residential properties under 155 unique ownerships. As it exists today, the District is governed by a two-member board of commissioners, resulting in an inadequate representation ratio of approximately 79 properties per commissioner. This structure limits effective governance, community engagement, and responsiveness to neighborhood needs.</p>	

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Pursuant to Arkansas Code § 14-88-301(a)(1)(A)(ii)(a)(1), the number of commissioners serving on an improvement district board may be increased by ordinance from three (3) to five (5) or seven (7) members. The proposed ordinance seeks to:

1. Expand the Board of Commissioners for the District from three (3) to seven (7) members.
2. Appoint four (4) additional commissioners, all of whom shall be owners of real property within the District, as required under Arkansas Code § 14-88-301(a)(1)(A)(iv)(a).

This expansion would:

(a) Enhance Representation: Increasing the number of commissioners to seven (7) would reduce the representation ratio from approximately 79 to 23 properties per commissioner, significantly improving community access to board members and increasing transparency in governance.

(b) Provide Broader Community Participation: A larger board allows for a wider array of voices and perspectives to be included in decisions, reflecting the diverse interests of the Yorkwood community.

(c) Improve Governance: A seven-member board will be better equipped to address key issues within the District, including the maintenance and oversight of recreational facilities, infrastructure improvements, and other quality-of-life concerns.

(d) Provide Statutory Compliance: This action aligns with Arkansas law and reinforces the City's commitment to fostering democratic governance structures within its improvement districts.