ORDINANCE NO. ________

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE RATE OF TAXATION OF PROPERTY FOR THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, TO BE COLLECTED IN THE YEAR 2016 FOR VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 26-73-202 (West 2010), the Board of Directors is required to certify to the Pulaski County Clerk the rate of Ad Valorem Property Tax to be levied on real and personal property within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, for the current year; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 14-14-904 (West Interim Update 2011), upon the timely receipt of this information from the City, the Pulaski County Quorum Court is mandated to make such a levy at its regular November meeting in 2015;

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

Section 1. The rates of taxation of real and personal property in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, for certain City purposes are hereby fixed, established and levied as follows:

(a) For general purposes in order to carry on the affairs of the City Government under Section 4, Article 12 of and Amendment 10 to the Constitution of Arkansas of 1874, there is hereby levied a tax of five (5) mills;

(b) For the purpose of paying bonds and interest as required for the bonds authorized in Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 20,603 (July 3, 2012), to repay the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, Capital Improvement Bonds, approved at a special election held on September 11, 2012, there is hereby levied a tax of three (3.0) mills;

(c) For the purpose of paying Policemen's Pensions in accordance with provisions of Amendment No. 31 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, a tax of one (1) mill;

(d) For the purpose of Paying Firemen's Pensions in accordance with the provisions of Amendment No. 31 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas adopted November 5, 1940, and Act 16 of the acts of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas for the year 1941, a tax of one (1) mill;

(e) For the purpose of maintaining the City Library, in accordance with the provisions of Amendment No. 30 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, a tax of three and three tenths (3.3) mills;
(f) For the purpose of paying bonds and interest as required for the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, for Library System Capital Improvement Bonds, authorized in Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 21,034 (May 5, 2015), to refund the outstanding City of Little Rock, Arkansas, Library Construction and Capital Improvement Bonds and issuance of new Library Construction, Improvement and Refunding Bonds, approved at a special election held on July 14, 2015, a tax of one and eight tenths of one (1.8) mills.

Section 2. Since the City achieved equalization in 1989 under the provisions of Amendment 59 to the Arkansas Constitution, the tax rates are the same for both real and personal property.

Section 3. Because Pulaski County completed a county-wide reappraisal of property in 2006, the millage rates set forth in Section 1 of this ordinance may be subject to the rollback provisions of Amendment 59 to the Arkansas Constitution as determined by the Arkansas Assessment Coordination Department although such a rollback is not anticipated; however, to the extent that the millage rates in Section 1 are ordered roll backed in accordance with state law, the Board of Directors adopts and ratifies such millage rates.

Section 4. The City Clerk is hereby directed immediately to transmit a certified copy of this ordinance to the County Clerk of Pulaski County so that the taxes recited may be extended on the tax books of Pulaski County and collected with the other taxes for the year 2015.

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 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 the ordinance.

Section 6. 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 7. Emergency. It is essential to the public health, safety and welfare that the proper millage rates be stated each year, and that this information be promptly communicated with the Pulaski County government in order to assure that appropriate tax millages are put into effect for the following calendar year; 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: October 5, 2015

ATTEST: APPROVED:

_____________________________________   _____________________________________
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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