1	RESOLUTION NO
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3	A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN
4	AGREEMENT WITH THRASH LAW FIRM, P.A., AND OTHERS, TO
5	REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK,
6	ARKANSAS, IN LITIGATION REGARDING GROSS RECEIPTS TAXES
7	FOR THE INTERNET RENTAL OF HOTEL ROOMS; AND FOR OTHER
8	PURPOSES.
9	WHERE AC there has been an issue about the manner Coast Descints Ton amount to be called a buy
10 11	WHEREAS, there has been an issue about the proper Gross Receipts Tax amount to be collected by
12	municipalities for the Internet booking of a hotel room, or other accommodation, through entities such as Hotels.com, Inc.; and,
13	WHEREAS, in Pine Bluff Advertising & Promotion Commission, et al v. Hotel.com, Inc., et al, No.
13	2009-946-5 in the Jefferson County Circuit Court the Thomas Thrash of the Thrash Law Firm obtained a
15	judgment in favor of municipalities on the proper interpretation of which amount should be taxed; and,
16	WHEREAS, the matter is pending appeal and further action and the Thrash Law Firm is working with
17	Williams & Anderson, PLC, of Little Rock, Arkansas, The Finnell Firm of Rome, Georgia, and the Bird
18	Law Group, PC, of Atlanta, Georgia, to pursue the interests of the plaintiff as well as the City of North
19	Little Rock, Arkansas, and others; and,
20	WHEREAS, it would be efficient and economical for the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to permit the
21	Thrash Law Firm, P.A., in conjunction with others, to represent the interests of the City of Little Rock,
22	Arkansas.
23	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY
24	OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:
25	Section 1. The Mayor is authorized into an engagement letter with Thrash Law Firm, P.A., to
26	represent the interests of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, in continued litigation in <i>Pine Bluff Advertising</i>
27	& Promotion Commission, et al v. Hotels.com, Inc., et al, No. 2009-946-5, Jefferson Circuit Court, in a
28	form acceptable to the City Attorney, and if needed certified by the City Clerk.
29	Section 2. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or
30	word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or
31	adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution which shall remain in full force and
32	effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional was not originally a part of the
33	resolution.

ADOPTED: November 5, 2018	2018
ATTEST:	APPROVED:
Susan Langley, City Clerk	Mark Stodola, Mayor
APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:	
Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney	
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