RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE BETWEEN THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, AND GRANT COUNTY, ARKANSAS, GRANTING THE LITTLE ROCK AMBULANCE AUTHORITY, D/B/A METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AN EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO PROVIDE AMBULANCE SERVICES TO GRANT COUNTY, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Little Rock Ambulance Authority (“LRAA”) d/b/a Metropolitan Emergency Medical Services (“MEMS”), has operated pursuant to an exclusive Franchise to provide all Ambulance Services (emergency and non-emergency) to Grant County, Arkansas, per an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Grant County; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock and Grant County wish to extend said Interlocal Agreement to continue such exclusive Franchise for Ambulance Services to Grant County; and,

WHEREAS, MEMS has represented to this Board that it has the capability and resources to provide such service without increasing expenses or rates for Little Rock citizens; and,

WHEREAS, this Board believes that it is beneficial to continue to have MEMS provide Ambulance Services to Grant County and thereby promote the health and welfare of the citizens of Little Rock and Grant Count; and,

WHEREAS, the delivery of Ambulance Services (emergency and non-emergency) to Grant County will enhance MEMS’ financial soundness and increase its ability to deliver high-quality emergency medical services to all citizens.

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

Section 1. The Board hereby authorizes a three (3)-year extension of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Grant County, Arkansas, granting MEMS an exclusive Franchise to provide Ambulance Services (emergency and non-emergency) to Grant County.

Section 2. For purposes of this resolution, the term “Ambulance Services” shall include the transportation and care provided to the critically ill or injured prior to arrival at a medical facility and within a medical facility subject to the individual approval of the medical staff and governing board of that facility, and further the transport to or from medical facilities including but not limited to hospitals, nursing homes, physician’s offices, and other health care facilities, of persons who are infirm or injured.
and who are transported in a reclining position or who are ill but considered to be non-emergency in status and who request ambulance transportation.

Section 3. Severability. In the event any portion of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of this resolution, 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 resolution.

Section 4. Repealer. All ordinances and resolutions, and parts thereof, which are in conflict with any provision of this resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

ADOPTED: November 5, 2019

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