ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE TO DISPENSE WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF COMPETITIVE BIDS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CRUSE UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX AND 20/100 DOLLARS ($298,856.60), FOR THE PURCHASE OF BULLETPROOF VESTS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, there is a need to purchase Bulletproof Vests and other attachments as replacements for Patrol Officers of the Little Rock Police Department; and

WHEREAS, after careful review and testing of new vest technologies and materials it has been determined that Safariland body armor is the only company that provides the type of vests needed by the Department; and,

WHEREAS, the fact that Cruse Uniform & Equipment is the exclusive distributor for Safariland Body Armor in Arkansas, which is essential both in terms of purchase and in terms of dealing with any problems with a possible return; and,

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

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the City Manager to purchase Bulletproof Vests from Safariland Body Armor through Cruse Uniform & Equipment as replacements for Patrol Officers in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifty-Six and 20/100 Dollars ($298,856.60).

Section 2. Funds for this purchase are available from the following sources:

(a) Account No. 105220-60050 $136,695.20
(b) Account No. 326529-72200-G35147 50,000.00
(c) Account No. 270529-60050-G351352016 112,161.00

Section 3. Because Safariland Body Armor, distributed through Cruse Uniform & Equipment, is the only company that can provide the type of vest that meets the requirements for the Department after field testing has occurred, the Board of Directors finds that it is infeasible and impractical to submit this purchase to the requirements of competitive bids.

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Section 4. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution 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 resolution.

Section 5. Repealer. All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 6. Emergency Clause. The ability to utilize Bulletproof Vests for Patrol Officers that are made of the most effective material and pursuant to the most recent technology is essential to 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: November 7, 2016

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