

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
DECEMBER 16, 2025 AGENDA**

Subject: 2027 City Business License Fee Increases	Action Required: √ Ordinance Resolution	Approved By: Delphone Hubbard City Manager
Submitted By: Finance Department		
SYNOPSIS	An ordinance amending section 17-51 of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas Code to increase the base rate of business license fees three percent (3%) for fiscal year 2027.	
FISCAL IMPACT	The proposed 3% increase in the Business License base rate would generate approximately \$65,350 in additional revenue beginning January 1, 2027.	
RECOMMENDATION	Pass the Ordinance.	
BACKGROUND	Business license fees have not been increased since 2011. Inflation has increased 43.99% since then. The proposed three percent (3%) base rate increase is based on the CPI-U year over year increase in December 2024 of 2.9%. Increasing the business license base rate by three percent (3%) is a responsible measure to account for inflation and maintain the City's ability to provide essential services.	