ORDINANCE NO. ___________

AN ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY THAT PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, & TREATMENT PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH CAN BE PROVIDED IN A MANNER THAT LIMITS A SPECIFIC PROGRAM TO ONE GENDER IF IT IS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES THAT IT IS APPROPRIATE TO DO SO; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND, FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, has made it clear that discrimination in any form is not appropriate in any City employment, program or purchase; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of Prevention, Intervention & Treatment (PIT) Programs administered through the Community Programs Department has certain programs which are appropriately focused upon a particular gender; and,

WHEREAS, if the Commission on Children, Youth and Families has determined that concomitant programs can meet the purposes of PIT and the spirit of the City’s declared intention to avoid discrimination;

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding any ordinance, resolution, or policy to the contrary, as to PIT Programs only, if the Commission on Children, Youth and Families reviews and concludes that it is appropriate to have a program for youth that recognizes gender as a criterion then the funding of such a program is permitted if, and only if, a concomitant program of the same nature is also provided for the other gender.

Section 2. Repealer. All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance is declared or adjudge to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance, 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 this ordinance.

Section 4. Emergency Clause. The ability to provide meaningful programs to youth and young adults through City Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Programs in a manner that best provides assistance to the youth and young adults even if, on occasion, it is deemed appropriate to separate programs by

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gender, is essential to the public health, safety and welfare; because this cannot currently be done pursuant
to City Ordinance, an emergency is, therefore, declared to exist so this ordinance can take effect, and be in
full force and effect, from and after the date of its passage.

PASSED: December 18, 2018

ATTEST: 

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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

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