ORDINANCE NO. __________

AN ORDINANCE TO PERMIT THE PLACEMENT OF AN AUTHORIZED RECEPTACLE IN A FIRE STATION THAT BELONGS TO THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, WHICH CAN BE USED TO VOLUNTARILY PLACE A CHILD PURSUANT TO ARK. CODE ANN. § 9-34-202; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Arkansas General Assembly has enacted legislation that would permit a person to leave a child who is thirty (30) days old or younger without a Court Order if there is a safety device located within a Fire Department designed to receive the child as set forth in Ark. Code Ann. § 9-34-202; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, has received an offer to have the installation of such a facility paid for by a donating entity, and the Little Rock Fire Department has agreed that it can fulfill the statutory requirements for such a facility which may require some modifications of the Standard Operating Procedures of the Department.

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

Section 1. The Little Rock Fire Chief is authorized to designate a particular station at which a child safety device designed to be located to accept a child voluntarily left by someone, and to assure that all provisions of Arkansas State Law for the presence of such a child safety device is operated in accordance with Arkansas State Statute and the Little Rock Fire Department Standard Operating Procedures.

Section 2. The Mayor and Members of the Board of Directors reserve the right to approve additional such placements in the future by an adopted resolution which identifies the location of such a device if it is deemed appropriate and feasible to do so.

Section 3. 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 was not originally a part of the resolution.

Section 4. 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ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same that are inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

ADOPTED: February 7, 2023