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3	AN O	PRDINANCE TO AMEND LITTLE ROCK, ARK., REV. CODE § 2-50	
4	(b)(2)	(1988) and (c) TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF PRESENT AT A	
5	MEE	TING OF THE LITTLE ROCK BOARD OF DIRECTORS; TO	
6	DECI	LARE AN EMERGENCY; AND, FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
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8	WHERE	AS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, and in light of significant advances in technology, it	
9	was important to provide an effective means to assure attendance at meetings of the Little Rock Board o		
10	Directors, and at the various meetings of boards, commissions, and other groups funded in whole or in par		
11	by the City including ,but not limited to, the provision of staff, resources, or meeting places; and,		
12	WHEREAS, with the development of effective vaccines to deal with COVID-19, such specia		
13	arrangements are no longer necessary, and the attendance of elected or appointed officials is the best way		
14	to assure the transparency of actions by the City of Little Rock, Arkansas ("the City"), and to foste		
15	collegiality and discussion by the elected or appointed officials of pending issues;		
16	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY		
17	OF LITTLE I	ROCK, ARKANSAS:	
18	Section 1.	Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Cide § 2-50 (b)(2) and (c) (1988) is hereby repealed.	
19	Section 2.	Little Rock, Rev. Code § 2-50 (1988) is hereby amended to add the following:	
20	(b)	A member of the Board of Directors may attend a meeting by electronic means if, and only	
21		if, a resolution is adopted which states:	
22		(1) The name of the Director:	
23		(2) The time frame for which electronic attendance is allowed;	
24		(3) The requirement that except for momentary losses of a signal the member is in	
25		attendance and is shown on camera from the beginning of the meeting to the end of the	
26		meeting;; and,	
27		(4) The member is within the boundaries of the State of Arkansas unless the member	
28		is in attendance at a local government conference such as the National League of Cities	
29		or the U.S. Conference of Mayors.	
30	(c)	A majority of the board of includes the presence of the Mayor in determining that a quorum	
31		has been met.	
32	(d).	Nothing in this ordinance prohibits modifications to the definition of present if required by	
33		the declaration of a local disaster emergency as defined by Arkansas statute.	

1	Section 3. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, o			
2	word of this ordinance is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or			
3	adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance which shall remain in full force and			
4	effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part of the			
5	ordinance.			
6	Section 4. Repealer. All ordinances, resolutions, bylaws, and other matters inconsistent with this			
7	ordinance, including but not limited to Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 21,847 (March 25, 2020), Little			
8	Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 21,953 (January 19, 2021), and Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code § 2-50 (1988), are			
9	hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.			
10	Section 4. Emergency. The ability City to assure openness, transparency, and collegiality in the			
11	discussion of issues pending before the Little Rock Board of Directors, and yet provide for special			
12	circumstances so a member who cannot be physically present so is given permission to attend electronically			
13	is essential to the public health, safety and welfare; an emergency is, therefore, declared to exist and this			
14	ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.			
15	PASSED: March 18, 2025			
16	ATTEST:	APPROVED:		
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19	Allison Segars, City Clerk	Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor		
20	APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:			
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22 23	Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney			
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