ORDINANCE NO. ________

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR CITIZEN COMMUNICATION; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that Citizens Communication is an important part of each regular meeting of the Board of Directors; and,

WHEREAS, it is important to establish the guidelines for Citizen Communication as a part of the City Code of Ordinances so there can be no mistake;

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

Section 1. The Little Rock Revised Code of Ordinances (1988), is hereby amended to add the following to Article II, Division 2, Part A:

Citizen Communication Guidelines

Three (3) minutes are allowed to present a specific item which has not previously been brought to the attention of the Board by the speaker and is not already on the Agenda. This time is allotted for any person to express a written or oral viewpoint, grievance, or other message to the Board of Directors. Board members may ask questions of the speaker, or make a relevant comment, after the presentation has been completed. A maximum of thirty (30) minutes is allotted for citizen communications each meeting.

No advance permission is required, but persons wishing to address the City Board are required to fill out a yellow card listing the specific subject to be addressed and hand it to the City Clerk upon arrival.

Citizen Communication will be held immediately following the Consent Agenda items at the first regular meeting of the month, and at the end of the printed Agenda at the second regular meeting of the month,

Section 2. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this ordinance is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the 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 the ordinance.

Section 3. Repealer. All laws, ordinances, resolutions, and parts of the same that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
Section 4. Emergency. The need to have guidelines to follow when the floor of a regular meeting of the Board of Directors is opened for Citizen Communication is essential to the smooth and proper conduct of such a meeting; the lack of such approved guidelines can lead to confusion and disruption; 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: March 3, 2015

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