ORDINANCE NO. ________

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND LITTLE ROCK, ARK., ORDINANCE NO. 21,817 (DECEMBER 3, 2019), TO ADJUST THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET ORDINANCE TO REFLECT EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE GENERAL FUND; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City approved a Comprehensive Budget for the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, in Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 21,817 (December 3, 2019); and;

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to adjust the ordinances to reflect operational changes in the General Fund, and where necessary to authorize the increase or decrease in the Fiscal Year 2020 line items for these and other matters; and,

WHEREAS, the City is in the midst of a COVID19 (Novel Coronavirus) Pandemic which is anticipated to have a negative impact on resources available for General Fund operations; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor, the City Manager and the Director of Finance & Treasurer, in compliance with City Budget and Financial Reporting Policies, have reviewed these adjustments and recommend them to the Board of Directors for approval.

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

Section 1. General Fund. Section 5 of Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 21,817 (December 3, 2019) is hereby amended to reflect decreases in operating budgets for General Fund Departments of Four Million, Nine Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Forty-Five Dollars ($4,928,545.00) to Two Hundred Seven Million, One Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand, Seven Hundred Eight Dollars ($207,196,708.00).

Section 2. Outside Agency Contributions. Section 6 of Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 21,817 (December 3, 2019) is hereby amended to reflect a reduction in contributions to Outside Agencies of Three Hundred Forty-Five Thousand, Six-Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars ($345,666.00) to Thirteen Million, Seven Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand, Seven Hundred One Dollars ($13,763,701.00), representing the temporary suspension of contracts with the Arkansas Arts Center, the Museum of Discovery, and the Downtown Partnership for a period of 120 days. The amended contracts included in the operating uses in Section 5 include the following amounts for entities with which the City contracts for public services, or in which the City has an ownership interest as follows:

(A) Arkansas Arts Center $466,667
(B) Museum of Discovery $128,000
Section 3. Records. The Director of Finance & Treasurer is directed to maintain appropriate records which provide greater detail for the adjustments set forth in this ordinance and as reflected in the materials provided to the Board of Directors on March 31, 2020.

Section 4. 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 5. Repealer. All ordinances, resolutions, bylaws, and other matters inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 6. Emergency. The City’s ability to properly maintain its budgets and to account for its funds is essential to maintain the public health, safety and welfare; 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: April 1, 2020

ATTEST: ___________________  APPROVED: ___________________

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Susan Langley, City Clerk  Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney

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