

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
JULY 15, 2025 AGENDA**

Subject: Change the status of sister city, Changchun, China to a friendship city to comply with State Legislation	Action Required: Ordinance √ Resolution	Approved By: Delphone Hubbard City Manager
Submitted by: Sister Cities Commission		
SYNOPSIS	A resolution to amend Little Rock, Arkansas Resolution No. 9,138 (April 5, 1994) to change the status of Changchun, China from a sister city to a friendship city.	
FISCAL IMPACT	None.	
RECOMMENDATION	Approval of the resolution.	
BACKGROUND	<p>During the 2025 Regular Session, the Arkansas Legislature passed House Bill 1352 which became Act 937 upon the Governor’s signature. Act 937, which will go into effect on August 5, 2025, prohibits Arkansas municipalities from having sister cities with municipalities in countries that are subject to International Traffic in Arms Regulations (22 C.F.R. § 126.1). China is subject to said regulations.</p> <p>The City of Little Rock (“City”) currently has a relationship with Changchun, China as a sister city. The City would like to maintain its connection with Changchun and can do so by changing its status to that of a friendship city. A friendship city relationship is less formal than that of a sister city and does not have to meet the standards of Sister Cities International. The Sister Cities Commission approved this status change at its meeting on June 16, 2025.</p>	