

1 **ORDINANCE**

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3 **AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE PERMANENT RIVER**
4 **MARKET ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT PURSUANT TO**
5 **THE ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT ORDINANCE; AND**
6 **FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**
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8 **WHEREAS**, on July 23, 2019, the Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas,
9 passed Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. _____ (“LRO___”) which permitted the creation of
10 an entertainment district pursuant to state law and City ordinance; and,

11 **WHEREAS**, it is desired to simultaneously create a permanent entertainment district to be
12 known as the River Market Entertainment District.

13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE**
14 **CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:**

15 **Section 1. Creation and Boundaries of the River Market Entertainment District.**

16 (a) The River Market Entertainment District is hereby created by the City of Little Rock as a
17 permanent entertainment district and subject to LRO _____ and its defined terms.

18 (b) The River Market Entertainment District encompasses all public places lying within (1) Block
19 1 of Pope’s Addition in the City of Little Rock and (2) 30 feet of each side of the centerline of the following
20 blocks of the following streets in the City of Little Rock: 300 - 600 blocks of President Clinton Avenue,
21 100 block of North Rock Street, and 100 block of St. Vincent Plaza, also known as the 100 block of North
22 Commerce Street.

23 (c) The River Market Entertainment District and persons located within its boundaries shall
24 observe the following operational rules, and any violation of them by persons shall be an offense pursuant
25 to Section 1-9:

26 (1) No person shall possess or consume from an Open Alcoholic Beverage Container in the
27 River Market Entertainment District except during the following days and times:

28 (A) December 31 from 8:00 a.m. to January 1 until 2:00 a.m.;

29 (B) January 1 from 8:00 a.m. to midnight;

30 (C) February 14 from 8:00 a.m. to midnight;

31 (D) March 17 from 8:00 a.m. to midnight;

32 (E) July 4 from 8:00 a.m. to midnight;

33 (F) December 24 from 8:00 a.m. to midnight;

- (G) All other Fridays from 5:00 p.m. to midnight;
- (H) All other Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to midnight; and,
- (I) All other Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

(2) No person shall possess or consume from an Open Alcoholic Beverage Container when within the River Market Entertainment District unless it is within the district’s branded container, and, if required in the discretion of the Planning and Development Director, he or she possesses a district-approved identification wristband, each item of which shall be approved by the Planning and Development Department Director. An established neighborhood association, merchant association, or other designated organization, as approved or assigned by the Planning and Development Department Director, shall procure the district-approved container called for in this section, and any wristband required by the Planning and Development Department Director, and make (i) exemplars of it or them available to the Little Rock Police Department and (ii) reasonable supplies of them available for a reasonable cost to all on-premises consumption Alcoholic Beverage Control Division permitted establishments immediately adjoining the district that wish to receive them.

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, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

PASSED: July 23, 2019.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Susan Langley, City Clerk

Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney

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