

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE IT IMPRACTICAL AND UNFEASIBLE TO BID; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH THE PULASKI COUNTY IMAGINATION LIBRARY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000.00) TO PROMOTE EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, each month, Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library mails a high-quality, age-appropriate book to all children from birth to age five (5) who are enrolled in the program and books are sent regardless of a family’s income and at no cost to the child’s family, and each book is addressed to a child individually; and,

WHEREAS, the Pulaski County Imagination Library (“PCIL”) is responsible for enrolling children who live in Pulaski County, and PCIL is solely responsible for securing funds to cover the cost of books and of its operations; and,

WHEREAS, between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025, PCIL delivered seventy-six thousand seven hundred seventy three (76,773) individualized books to children who live in Little Rock; and,

WHEREAS, the Pulaski County Imagination Library is the only entity that provides such a program;.

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

Section 1. The Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas declares that it is impractical and unfeasible to submit the provision of a monthly individualized book to each registered child in Little Rock to a competitive bid process, and, therefore, waives competitive bidding.

Section 2. The City Manager is authorized to enter into a contract with Pulaski County Imagination Library in an amount not to exceed Seventy-Five Thousand and 00/100 (\$75,000.00) per year to provide a monthly individualized book to each registered child in Little Rock.

Section 3. The funds are available from the Literacy Account No. 108159-S15C697.

Section 4. *Severability.* In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this resolution is declared or adjusted to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution which shall remain in full force and effect as if the portion so declared or adjusted invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part of the resolution.

Section 5. Repealer. All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

PASSED: August 19, 2025

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Allison Segars, City Clerk

Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney

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