ORDINANCE NO. ________

AN ORDINANCE TO CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, ON NOVEMBER 9, 2021, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY THE QUESTION OF AN INCREASE OF CONTINUING THE ANNUAL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX LEVIED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE CITY’S PUBLIC LIBRARIES OPERATED BY THE CENTRAL ARKANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM FROM THE EXISTING RATE OF THREE AND THREE-TENTHS (3.30) MILLS TO THE NEW RATE OF THREE AND EIGHT-TENTHS (3.80) MILLS ON THE DOLLAR OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY; PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock, Arkansas (the “City”) is a City of the first-class duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Arkansas (the “State”); and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the City (the “Board”), upon recommendation of the Board of Directors of Central Arkansas Library System (“CALS”), has determined that in order to operate and maintain the City’s Public Libraries it would be in the best interests of the City, CALS and the patrons of the City’s Public Libraries, to increase the existing Ad Valorem Tax levied on taxable real and personal property within the City from the existing three and three-tenths (3.30) mills to a new rate of three and eight-tenths (3.80) mills on the dollar of the assessed value of all taxable property in the City (the “Library Tax”); and,

WHEREAS, the Library Tax may be levied under the authority of Amendment No. 30 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas as amended by Amendment No. 72 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas (together, the “Amendments”) for the purposes of operating and maintaining the City’s Public Libraries; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of this ordinance is to submit to the electors of the City the question of increasing the existing Ad Valorem Library Tax levied on taxable real and personal property within the City for the operation and maintenance of the City public libraries from three and three-tenths (3.30) mills
to a new rate of three and eight-tenths (3.80) mills on the dollar of the assessed value of all taxable
property in the City.

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

Section 1. A special election is hereby called to be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at which
special election there shall be submitted to the electors of the City the question of whether to increase the
continuing annual Ad Valorem Library Tax from the existing rate of three and three-tenths (3.30) mills to
the new rate of three and eight-tenths (3.80) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation of all taxable
property in the City for the purpose of providing funds for the operation and maintenance of the City’s
Public Libraries.

Section 2. The ballot shall be in substantially the following form:

OFFICIAL BALLOT
SPECIAL ELECTION
City of Little Rock, Arkansas
November 9, 2021

Vote on the measure by placing an “X” in the square opposite the question either “FOR” or
“AGAINST”:

FOR an increase from the existing three and three-tenths (3.30) mills tax to the new rate
of three and eight-tenths (3.80) mills tax levied on the assessed value of taxable real and
personal property in the City of Little Rock to be used for maintenance and operation of
the public libraries of the City of Little Rock operated by Central Arkansas Library System.

AGAINST an increase from the existing three and three-tenths (3.30) mills tax to the new
rate of three and eight-tenths (3.80) mills tax levied on the assessed value of taxable real
and personal property in the City of Little Rock to be used for maintenance and operation
of the public libraries of the City of Little Rock operated by Central Arkansas Library System.

If the millage increase is approved, there will be levied a continuing annual ad valorem tax on the
assessed value of all taxable real and personal property located within the City of Little Rock at the rate of
three and eight-tenths (3.80) mills on the dollar of the assessed value of the taxable real and personal
property within the City, the collection of which shall be dedicated to fund the operation and maintenance
of the City of the Little Rock’s Public Libraries operated by Central Arkansas Library System.
Section 3. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to give notice of the election by one (1)
publication in a newspaper having general circulation within the City. Publication shall be made not less
than ten (10) days prior to the date of the election or as otherwise provided by the laws of the State of
Arkansas.

Section 4. The election shall be held and conducted and the vote canvassed and the results declared
under the law and in the manner now provided for City elections and only qualified electors of the City
shall have the right to vote in the election.

Section 5. The result of the election shall be certified by the Pulaski County Board of Election
Commissioners. The Mayor shall proclaim the results of the election by issuing a proclamation (the
“Proclamation”) and the Proclamation shall be published one (1)-time in a newspaper having general
circulation in the City, which Proclamation shall advise that the results as proclaimed shall be conclusive
unless suit challenging the results is filed in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County within thirty (30) days
after publication of the Proclamation.

Section 6. A copy of this ordinance (a) shall be filed with the Pulaski County Clerk at least sixty
(60) days prior to the election date; and (b) shall also be given to the Pulaski County Board of Election
Commissioners so that the necessary election officials and supplies may be provided. A certified copy of
this ordinance and the Tax Ordinance shall also be provided to the Commissioner of Revenues of the
State of Arkansas as soon as practical.

Section 7. That the Mayor and City Clerk for and on behalf of the City, be, and they are hereby,
authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to place this question before the electors at a
special election to be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, and, if the question is approved by the
electors, to cause the increased Library Tax to be levied and collected in accordance with the laws of the
State of Arkansas and to perform all acts of whatever nature necessary to carry out the authority conferred
by this ordinance.

Section 8. Severability. In the event any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, subparagraph,
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 provisions of this
ordinance, as if such invalid or unconstitutional provision was not originally a part of this ordinance.

Section 10. Repealer. All ordinances, resolutions, bylaws, and other matters inconsistent with this
ordinance, including but not limited to Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 20,450 (July 11, 2011), are
hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 11. Emergency Clause. It is hereby ascertained and declared that there is an immediate
need for the funding of the operation and maintenance of the libraries described in this ordinance in
order to promote and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the City and its inhabitants, and that the
operation and maintenance of the libraries can be accomplished only by the increase in the levied annual
Library Tax. It is, therefore, declared that an emergency exists and this ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health and safety shall be in force and take effect immediately from and after its passage.

PASSED: August 3, 2021

ATTEST:

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Susan Langley, City Clerk

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Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney