

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

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 AGENDA**

<b>Subject:</b>  An ordinance to amend ordinances and City Code Provisions for compliance with Act 314 of 2025.  <b>Submitted By:</b> Little Rock Planning and Development Department	<b>Action Required:</b>  √ <b>Ordinance</b> Resolution	<b>Approved By:</b>          Delphone Hubbard City Manager
<b>SYNOPSIS</b>	The ordinance will formally repeal the City of Little Rock’s planning jurisdiction in unincorporated areas of Pulaski County in compliance with Act 314 of 2025.	
<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	None.	
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	Approval of the ordinance.	
<b>BACKGROUND</b>	<p>Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-56-413, municipalities were previously authorized to exercise extraterritorial jurisdiction within areas beyond their corporate limits. Prior to the enactment of Act 314 of 2025, the City of Little Rock, was authorized to exercise extraterritorial jurisdiction in unincorporated areas within three (3) miles.</p> <p>The Arkansas General Assembly enacted Act 314 of 2025, which repeals such authority and requirements, thereby prohibiting municipalities from exercising authority over areas outside their incorporated boundaries. The City of Little Rock desires to bring its ordinances, policies, and regulations into compliance with state law by formally repealing or amending all code sections and planning policies that rely on or implement extraterritorial jurisdiction.</p> <p>The ordinance clarifies that while the City of Little Rock no longer exercises jurisdiction outside its boundaries, it may</p>	

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continue to develop and maintain long-range, comprehensive, municipal planning documents. Additionally, the ordinance clarifies that upon the annexation of any property into the corporate limits of the City of Little Rock, all applicable municipal planning documents, land use designations, zoning classifications, development regulations, and infrastructure standards shall immediately apply to the annexed property. This includes any previously prepared plans or maps that encompassed the annexed area for advisory or long-range planning purposes.