

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND LITTLE ROCK, ARK. REV. CODE CHAPTER 2 ARTICLE VI, DIVISION 4, SECTION 2-242(e)(1) OF THE LITTLE ROCK CODE OF ORDINANCES (1988) TO EXPEDITE THE COMPLETION OF SMALL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (“Board”) of the City of Little Rock “(City)” passed Little Rock City, Ark. Ordinance No. 22,206 (December 6, 2022) to amend Little Rock, Ark. Rev. Code § 2-242(e)(1) (1988) to authorize the Board to approve Professional Services Contracts under Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00); and,

WHEREAS, Little Rock, Ark. Rev. Code § 2-242(e)(1) (1988) requires the City Manager to provide the Mayor and Members of the Board “a list of the Professional Services Contracts that are anticipated to be under Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00)” each week; and,

WHEREAS, Little Rock, Ark. Rev. Code § 2-242(e)(1) (1988) mandates no minimum amount for Professional Services Contracts that are subject to this process; and,

WHEREAS, Little Rock, Ark. Rev. Code § 2-243(i) (1988) waives the requirement for a review committee to review statements of qualifications and delegates such duty “to the responsible department head for recommendation to the city manager who shall review and approve or disapprove all professional services contracts in an amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or less”; and,

WHEREAS, in order to promote efficiency, the Board wishes to exempt Professional Services Contracts in an amount of Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or less from the Board review mandated by Little Rock, Ark. Rev. Code § 2-243(e) (1988) as the City Manager is authorized to approve or disapprove such contracts; and,

WHEREAS, the elimination of mandatory Board review for these small Professional Services Contracts will enhance the efficiency and streamline the administration of the City's contracting procedures.

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

Section 1. Little Rock, Ark. Rev. Code § 2-242(e)(1) (1988) shall be amended as follows:

The city manager shall provide the mayor and members of the board of directors each Monday, or the first day of business if city hall is closed on a Monday for any reason, fourteen (14) days before the issuance of a formal request for proposals, a list of the

professional services contracts that are anticipated to be over five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) but under fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) during the course of any budget year

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 was not originally a part of the ordinance.

Section 3. *Repealed.* All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, including but not limited to Little Rock, Ark. Rev. Code § 2-242(e)(1), are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

PASSED: September 16, 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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