ORDINANCE NO.

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AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORIC DISTRICT LOCAL ORDINANCE DISTRICT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

6 WHEREAS, the Central High School Neighborhood Historic District was listed in the National
7 Register of Historic Places on August, 16, 1996; and

8 WHEREAS, the Central High School Neighborhood Historic District has become an endangered 9 historical resource suffering from demolitions, property neglect, and inappropriate alterations, with 10 twenty-three (23) historically significant structures being lost through demolition since 2010, and the 11 National Register designation of the Central High District is now in jeopardy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock has previously established a Historic District Commission
("Commission") by Ordinance No. 13,154 (May 4, 1976) as amended by Ordinance No. 14,042 (May 5, 1981); and

WHEREAS, the Commission has investigated and reported on a proposed local ordinance district for the Central High School Neighborhood Historic District, and publication of notice has been made and a public hearing has been held as provided in said Ordinance, and the Commission has submitted a final report which has been accepted by the Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a local ordinance district is desirable and is in furtherance of the
 public interest and welfare to preserve and protect the Central High School Neighborhood Historic
 District, and the buildings, structures, and surroundings therein; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a local ordinance district for the Central High School
Neighborhood Historic District has been proposed to accomplish the foregoing, pursuant to authority
granted by Ark. Code Ann. §§ 14-172-201, *et seq.*

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

Section 1. It is hereby found and determined that the Central High School Neighborhood Historic District has a special character and a special historic and aesthetic interest and value, and represents architectural products of a distinct period in the history of the City of Little Rock ("City"), and that this District is in danger of having its integrity destroyed without adequate consideration of the irreplaceable loss of the aesthetic, historic, and cultural values represented by such district, and therefore the preservation thereof is both feasible and desirable to the people of the City.

It is hereby declared as a matter of public policy that the protection, enhancement, perpetuation, and
 use of the Central High School Neighborhood Historic District is a public necessity and is required in the

interest of the health, prosperity, safety, and welfare of the people of the City. The purpose of this Ordinance is to (a) effect and accomplish the protection, enhancement, and perpetuation of this District, (b) safeguard the City's historic, aesthetic, and cultural heritage, as embodied and reflected in this District, (c) stabilize and improve the property values in this District, (d) recognize and acknowledge an important part of the City's past, (e) protect and enhance the City's attractions to tourists and visitors and the support and stimulus to business and industry thereby provided, and (f) strengthen the economy of the City.

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Section 2. The local ordinance district for the Central High School Neighborhood Historic District

9 hereby created shall consist of that area of the City shown on Exhibit 1 which is attached hereto and made

10 a part hereof and is more particularly described as follows:

11 Beginning at a point at the southeast corner of the intersection South Summit Street and 12 West 18th Street at UTM E 564493 N 3843736, the boundary follows South Summit 13 Street approximately 0.1 miles south to a point at the northeast comer of the intersection 14 of South Summit Street and Wright Avenue at UTM E 564489 N 3843582. It then 15 follows Wright Avenue southeast approximately 0.34 miles to a point at the northwest 16 corner of the intersection of Wright Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive at UTM E 17 565035 N 3843558, where it then follows Martin Luther King Jr. Drive north 18 approximately 0.17 miles to a point at the southwest corner of the intersection of Martin 19 Luther King Jr. Drive and West 17th Street at UTM E 565043 N 3843828. The boundary 20 then follows West 17th Street approximately 0.27 miles west to a point at the southeast 21 corner of the intersection of West 17th Street and South Battery Street UTM E 564606 N 22 3843844, where it follows South Battery Street approximately 0.1 miles south to a point 23 at the northwest corner of the intersection of South Battery Street and West 18th Street 24 UTM E 564603 N 3843734. It then follows West 18th Street approximately miles west to 25 the beginning. 26

Section 3. 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.

31 Section 4. *Repealer*. All ordinances, resolutions, bylaws, and other matters inconsistent with this 32 ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

33 **PASSED: February 7, 2023**

34 ATTEST:

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37 Susan Langley, City Clerk

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Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor

APPROVED:

39 APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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