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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 23, ARTICLE IV, § 23-97(A) OF THE LITTLE ROCK REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES (1988); TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock’s Historic District Commission (“Historic District Commission”) was established pursuant to Little Rock, Arkansas, Rev. Code § 23-96; and

WHEREAS, the Historic District Commission has various duties regarding all local ordinance districts including, but not limited to, the creation and review of historic district guidelines, ensuring that periodic architectural surveys of all local ordinance districts are conducted, and determining the appropriateness of proposed changes to buildings and structures in the local ordinance districts; and

WHEREAS, Little Rock, Arkansas, Rev. Code § 23-97(a) provides that the Historic District Commission consist of seven (7) members; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Board of Directors recently created the Central High School Historic District local ordinance district, **Ordinance No. _____** (month, day, 2023); and

WHEREAS, due to the creation of the new local ordinance district the duties of the Historic District Commission have been significantly increased; and

WHEREAS, the Historic District Commission has reviewed the proposed changes to the ordinance in its regularly scheduled meeting and has approved of the proposed changes; and

WHEREAS, Ark. Code Ann. § 14-172-206(a)(1) provides that a historic district commission shall consist of no less than five (5) members nor more than nine (9) members; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to increase the membership of the Historic District Commission to address the additional needs of the Central High School Neighborhood Historic District local ordinance district and the residents and property owners therein.

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

Section 1. That Little Rock, Arkansas Rev. Code Chapter 23, Article IV, § 23-97(a) is amended as follows:

- (a) The historic district commission shall consist of nine (9) members who shall be electors of the city holding no salaried or elective municipal office. Each member shall be appointed by the board of directors to fill one (1) of the following positions:

Position 1: Owner of property located in the MacArthur Park Historic District.

1 *Position 2:* Owner and occupant of a structure located in the MacArthur Park Historic
2 District.

3 *Position 3:* Architect.

4 *Position 4:* Quapaw Quarter Association representative selected from a list of three (3)
5 candidates submitted by the Quapaw Quarter Association board of directors.

6 *Position 5:* At large.

7 *Position 6:* Owner and occupant of a structure located in a National Register Historic
8 District other than the MacArthur Park Historic District.

9 *Position 7:* Owner and occupant of a structure located in a National Register Historic
10 District other than the MacArthur Park Historic District.

11 *Position 8:* Owner and occupant of property located in the Central High School
12 Neighborhood Historic District north of Wright Avenue.

13 *Position 9:* Owner and occupant of property located in the Central High School
14 Neighborhood Historic District south of Wright Avenue.

15 **Section 2. Severability.** In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or
16 word of this ordinance is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or
17 adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance which shall remain in full force and
18 effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional was not originally a part of the
19 ordinance.

20 **Section 3. Repealer.** All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same that are inconsistent with
21 the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

22 **PASSED: February 7, 2023**

23 **ATTEST:**

APPROVED:

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26 **Susan Langley, City Clerk**

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26 **Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor**

27 **APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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30 **Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney**

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