

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND LITTLE ROCK, REV. CODE § 2-52(c) (1988), TO PROVIDE THAT CITIZEN COMMUNICATION DURING THE SECOND REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL OCCUR BEFORE THE BOARD GOES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF SUCH A SESSION IS TO OCCUR; TO DECLARE AN EMERGNECY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code § 2-52 (1988) currently sets the time for Citizen Communication at meetings of the Little Rock City Board of Directors (“Board of Directors”); and,

WHEREAS, on occasion, the second meeting in a month of the Board of Directors anticipate that an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters will occur; and,

WHEREAS, persons who wish to address the Board of Directors must wait until after the Executive Session has been completed, and any vote announced, before Citizen Communication can occur, and that may deter people from staying until that point in order to make their topics known;

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

Section 1. Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code § 2-5 (c) (1988), is hereby amended to read as follows:

(c) Citizen communication will be held immediately following the Consent Agenda items at the first regular meeting of the month, and at the end of the printed agenda at the second regular meeting of the month; however, if at the second regular meeting of the month, the Board of Directors have an Executive Session, then Citizen Communication shall be held before the Board goes into Executive session.

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 this 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 this ordinance.

Section 3. *Repealer*. All ordinances or resolutions of the City in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. *Emergency Clause*. Because an ordinance without an emergency clause does not take effect for a period of thirty (30) days after the passage of the ordinance, and it is the intent that all citizens from,

1 *and after, the date of the passage of this ordinance be treated in the same manner, and that such even*  
2 *treatment is essential to the public health, safety and welfare, an emergency is hereby found and declared*  
3 *to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.*

4 **PASSED: March 19, 2024**

5 **ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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9 **Susan Langley, City Clerk**

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**Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor**

9 **APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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

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