



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

3       **Section 1.** The Public Safety Commission (“Commission”) is hereby created subject to the terms and  
4 conditions set forth in this ordinance.

5       **Section 2. *Finding.*** The Board of Directors finds that it is important to have a Commission that will  
6 meet to make specific recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding the broader issues of social,  
7 economic, and environmental conditions that affect public safety and result in violent crime.

8       **Section 3. *Goals.*** The goals of the Commission are as follows:

- 9           (a) To contribute to the overall safety and security of communities in the City of Little Rock  
10           by recommending policies, programs and initiatives to the Board of Directors that work to  
11           reduce crime; and,  
12           (b) To promote community engagement by fostering strong relationships between Law  
13           Enforcement and Little Rock communities; and,  
14           (c) To inform the Board of Directors and the public about holistic efforts to address violent  
15           crime in the City of Little Rock.

16       **Section 4. *Membership.*** The membership of the Commission shall be selected as follows:

- 17           (a) Seven (7) members shall be appointed, one (1) from each of the Ward Districts established  
18           for election to the Board of Directors; further, if at any time there is an increase or a  
19           decrease in this number of Ward Districts, this provision shall automatically be changed to  
20           reflect such change; and  
21           (b) Six (6) members to be appointed at large, one (1) of which may be a person who has  
22           successfully utilized Re-Entry Services.

23       **Section 5. *Terms.*** Each member of the Commission, except the initial membership, shall serve one  
24 (1), four (4)-year term. The initial Commission appointees shall draw lots as set forth below to determine  
25 the initial term for each initial seat. After a Commissioner’s term has expired, or a replacement has served  
26 the balance of the initial term, a successor will be selected for a four (4)-year term as follows:

- 27           (a) Four (4) persons shall be selected to serve a term of one (1)-year, and upon the completion  
28           of this term, their successors shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for a term of four  
29           (4) years; and,  
30           (b) Four (4) persons shall be selected to serve a term of two (2) years, and upon the completion  
31           of this term, their successors shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for a term of four  
32           (4) years; and,  
33           (c) Two (2) persons shall be selected to serve a term of three (3) years, and upon the completion  
34           of this term, their successors shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for a term of four  
35           (4) years; and,

1 (d) Two (2) persons shall be selected to serve a term of four (4) years, and upon the completion  
2 of this term, their successors shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for a term of four  
3 (4) years.

4 **Section 6. *Bylaws and Officers.*** The Commission is permitted to adopt Bylaws, and to elect as  
5 Officers a Chair, a Vice-Chair and a Secretary, as deemed necessary to fulfill its obligations.

6 **Section 7. *Powers and Duties.*** The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

7 (a) To create and amend its Bylaws; and,

8 (b) To recommend solutions which address the underlying issues that cause crime to the Board  
9 of Directors; and,

10 (c) To hold public meetings and forums as necessary; and,

11 (d) To make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding proposed legislation at the  
12 local, state, and national levels which address violence reduction strategies for  
13 communities experiencing violent crime; and ,

14 (e) To create committees to address specific issues deemed important to the Commission.

15 **Section 6. *Compliance with City Policies & Procedures.*** The Commission shall conduct its business  
16 in a manner that compiles with the policies and procedures of the City of Little Rock, complies with  
17 Arkansas State Law including, but not limited to, the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act, and complies  
18 with any and all applicable Federal Law.

19 **Section 7. *Life of the Commission.*** The Commission shall continue to operate until such time as it  
20 may be abolished or merged at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

21 **Section 8. *City Staff.*** The Commission shall be staffed by the Mayor's Office, the Little Rock Police  
22 Department and the City Attorney's Office.

23 **Section 9. *Severability.*** In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or  
24 word of this ordinance is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or  
25 adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance which shall remain in full force and  
26 effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional was not originally a part of the  
27 ordinance.

28 **Section 10. *Repealer.*** All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with  
29 the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

30 **Section 11. *Emergency Clause.*** *The consistent community input on prevention, intervention, and*  
31 *treatment solutions addressing community violence is essential to the public health, safety, and welfare the*  
32 *residents of the City of Little Rock, and the creation of this Commission in order to continue to monitor*  
33 *these matters and make recommendations or reports to the Board of Directors is crucial to the development*  
34 *and implementation of such solutions; an emergency is, therefore, declared to exist and this ordinance shall*  
35 *be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.*

1 PASSED: October 2, 2023

2 ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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4 Shaqueena McDowell  
5 Shaqueena McDowell, Assistant City Clerk

Frank Scott, Jr.  
Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor

6 APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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8 Thomas M. Carpenter  
9 Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney

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