

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
FEBRUARY 6, 2024 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>Authorization to amend Ordinance No. 16,829 (January 3, 1995), which set the conditions for the right-of-way abandonment on Rock Street, between East Markham Street and East 2nd Street.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Planning & Development Department</p>	<p>Ordinance √ Resolution</p>	<p>Emily Cox Acting City Manager</p>
SYNOPSIS	An ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 16,829 (January 3, 1995), which set the conditions for the right-of-way abandonment on Rock Street, between East Markham Street and East 2 nd Street.	
FISCAL IMPACT	None.	
RECOMMENDATION	Staff recommends approval.	
BACKGROUND	On January 3, 1995, the Board of Directors passed Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 16,829, which vacated and closed Rock Street, from East Markham Street to East 2 nd Street. The action conditioned that the vacated right-of-way be kept open for controlled public use and access, which included vehicular access. Since that original ordinance, the traffic patterns and pedestrian movements have changed as a result of the Interstate 30 Improvement Project undertaken by the Arkansas Department of Transportation.	

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Emphasis has been placed on pedestrian movements within the downtown core and the Rock Street corridor is an area where vehicular access, from the existing parking deck, just south of President Clinton Avenue, is not needed to extend all the way to East Second Street. The area from the alley access, between the parking deck and the Central Arkansas Library Systems (CALs) Building, south to East 2nd Street, is desired to be public pedestrian access only.

This amendment would revise the public use and access condition of the right-of-way abandonment to be public use and access from President Clinton Avenue, south to the south access point of the existing alley access between the parking garage and the CALs building. From the said alley access south to East 2nd Street access shall be limited to pedestrian use.