

1 **RESOLUTION NO. _____**

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3 **A RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THAT IN SEPTEMBER 2021, A SMALL**
4 **BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL WILL BE FORMED TO ADVISE THE**
5 **LITTLE ROCK CITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON POLICIES**
6 **AFFECTING SMALL BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK,**
7 **ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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9 **WHEREAS**, questions, concerns, and suggestions have been raised regarding the City of Little Rock’s
10 policies affecting small businesses.

11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY**
12 **OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:**

13 **Section 1.** This resolution shall be known as the creation of the “Small Business Advisory Council”
14 for the City of Little Rock, Arkansas.

15 **Section 2.** In October 2021, the Mayor and Members of the Little Rock City Board of Directors shall
16 create an Advisory Group empowered to make short and long-term recommendations regarding issues and
17 concerns related to starting, operating and growing a small business within the City of Little Rock. This
18 includes, but is not limited to the Request for Qualifications process, how City of Little Rock’s resources
19 are spent to promote and regulate small businesses, regulations that need to be implemented and regulations
20 that need to be removed or amended.

21 **Section 3.** The Small Business Advisory Council will meet as decided by the membership. The Small
22 Business Advisory Council is intended as a six (6)-month commitment ending no later than June 2022, after
23 the Small Business Advisory Council submits its recommendations to the Mayor and the Little Rock City
24 Board of Directors related to the growth and development of Little Rock’s Small Business Development
25 Office.

26 **Section 4.** The Small Business Advisory Council shall be made up of seven (7) residents of Little
27 Rock. Two (2) of the seven (7) members shall be an Employee or Owner of Businesses that have one (1)
28 – five (5) employees. Two (2) of the seven (7) members shall be an Employee or Owner of Businesses that
29 have six (6) – twenty (20) employees. Two (2) of the seven (7) members shall be an Employee or Owner
30 of Businesses that have twenty-one (21) – fifty (50) employees. The seventh member shall be an At-Large
31 Member that is an Employee or Owner of Business that have up to fifty (50) employees. It is desired that
32 there is at least one (1) member of the Hospitality Industry, at least one (1) member of the Restaurant
33 Industry, at least one (1) member of the Retail Industry, at least one (1) member that is either a Beautician
34 or Barber and at least one (1) member of a Professional Service Industry. It is desired that the demographic

1 makeup of the Small Business Advisory Council be reflective of the demographic diversity in the City of
2 Little Rock. The members will be selected by the Mayor with consultation from the members of the Little
3 Rock City Board of Directors.

4 **Section 5.** The Small Business Advisory Council will be assigned with two (2) staff liaisons, an
5 employee from the Small Business Development Office and an employee from the Planning &
6 Development Department, to assist with understanding the City’s current policies and procedures and to
7 assist in developing recommendations to improve opportunities for small business in the City of Little Rock.

8 **Section 6. Severability.** In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or
9 word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or
10 adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution which shall remain in full force and
11 effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional was not originally a part of the
12 resolution.

13 **Section 7. Repealer.** All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with
14 the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

15 **ADOPTED: September 21, 2021**

16 **ATTEST:**

APPROVED:

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19 **Susan Langley, City Clerk**

Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor

20 **APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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

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