

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION  
MAY 2, 2017 AGENDA**

<p><b>Subject:</b></p> <p>An ordinance to amend Chapter 8, Section 8-32(1) for the removal of a certain section of the Fire District</p> <p><b>Submitted By:</b></p> <p>Planning &amp; Development Department</p>	<p><b>Action Required:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">√ <b>Ordinance</b> Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p><b>Approved By:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SYNOPSIS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FISCAL IMPACT</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BACKGROUND</b></p>	<p>Staff is proposing an amendment to Chapter 8, Section 8-32(1) for the removal of a certain section of the Fire District.</p> <p>None.</p> <p>Approval of the ordinance.</p> <p>The Little Rock Fire District was created sometime prior to 1961 and within the City there is one (1) Fire District with four (4) designated sections. The Fire District was created and remains in effect as a result of buildings being constructed right next to or adjoining each other. In addition, construction materials that were utilized in the late eighteen hundreds and the early to mid-nineteen hundreds were highly combustible material, such as wood and oil based products (roofing, etc.). Requests have been made to eliminate certain areas of the Fire District. The last request for a revision to the Fire District was made and approved in 2003. The primary reason for these requests have been due to the density of the area changing as a result of redevelopment and demolitions to a number of buildings. In addition, changes in the code have resulted in the construction of safer buildings through more advanced building materials and standards. These code and material improvements along with a reduction in density greatly reduces the threat of a fire and the ability for it to spread.</p>
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**BACKGROUND  
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A request has been made to remove a portion of the Fire District that is found east of Interstate 30. The boundaries of the area in question are Interstate 30, the Arkansas River, McLean Street and a line between East 7<sup>th</sup> and East 8<sup>th</sup> Streets. The initial request was to review one (1)-block within the above described area. After receiving the request, staff determined it would be appropriate to review the entire Fire District east of Interstate 30.

A number of the buildings in this area have been removed and this has changed the density of the area.

The Fire Department has reviewed the request and has no issues with removing the blocks from the Fire District.