1	ORDINANCE NO	
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3	AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN UPDATED VERSION OF THE LITTLE	
4	ROCK STORMWATER AND DRAINAGE MANUAL TO INCLUDE A	
5	WATER QUALITY REQUIREMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT IN	
6	ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM	
7	SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT AND OTHER TECHNICAL UPDATES	
8	AND CLARIFICATIONS TO STORM DESIGN STANDARDS; AND	
9	AMENDING LITTLE ROCK CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 29,	
10	STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND DRAINAGE, TO MAKE	
11	CHANGES CONSISTENT WITH THE UPDATED MANUAL, AND TO	
12	OTHERWISE PROMOTE THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND	
13	GENERAL WELFARE.	
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15	WITEDEAS the City is acquired by its Municipal Consusts Storm Savier System ("MSA")	
16	WHEREAS, the City is required by its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System ("MS4")	
17	permit to have a program to address water quality impacts in the stormwater design of both new	
18	development and redevelopment projects that, for the protection of water quality in our community, and an effective ordinance to enforce same; and,	
19	WHEREAS, City Staff worked with an engineering consultant to prepare the proposed	
20	updated Manual for Board consideration, which includes a water quality requirement for development	
21	and other technical updates and clarifications to stormwater design standards, and provided a formal	
22	comment period to a broad cross section of stakeholders; and,	
23	WHEREAS, changes to City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 29, 'Stormwater Management And	
24	Drainage' are proposed for consistency with the updated Manual and to update enforcement provisions;	
25	and,	
26	WHEREAS, upon adoption of this Ordinance, City Staff shall present to the Board of Directors	
27	a proposal within eighteen (18) months to address stormwater quality on both new and redeveloped	
28	sites less 1 acre.	
29	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF	
30	DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK ARKANSAS:	

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1	SECTION 1. The updated, proposed version of the "Stormwater Management and Drainage		
2	Manual," is hereby adopted, with a complete copy of the Manual to be kept in the office of the Planning		
3	and Development Department.		
4	SECTION 2. The updated Stormwater Management and Drainage Manual shall be in full		
5	force and effect on April 1, 2025, after passage of this Ordinance unless:		
6 7 8	<ul> <li>a) The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality does not approve of the updated, proposed version of the Stormwater Management and Drainage Manual; or</li> <li>b) The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality approves the updated, proposed</li> </ul>		
9	version of the Stormwater Management and Drainage Manual after April 1, 2025, then the		
10	date of approval shall be the effective date this includes any revisions or updates to the		
11	manual after the adoption of this Ordinance.		
12	c) If an applicant has made significant financial commitments to a project in reliance on the		
13	standards in the previous manual, and the proposed updates to the Stormwater Management		
14	and Drainage Manual would create a significant financial or administrative burden on the		
15	applicant, then the City may allow the application of the previously adopted Stormwater		
16	Management and Drainage Manual by a vote of the Little Rock Planning Commission with		
17	approval by the Little Rock Board of Directors.		
18	SECTION 3. Projects which have completed review prior to the updated Stormwater		
19	Management and Drainage Manual being in full force and effect are to comply with the current adopted		
20	manual and ordinances.		
21	SECTION 4. Upon adoption of this Ordinance, City Staff shall present to the Board of		
22	Directors a proposal within eighteen (18) months to address stormwater quality on both new and		
23	redeveloped sites for properties less than (1) acre.		
24	SECTION 5. That the Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force 30 days after the date		
25	of its passage and approval, subject to Section 2 above.		
26	SECTION 6. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause,		
27	phrase, or word of this ordinance is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such		
28	declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance which shall remain		
29	in full force and effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional was no		
30	originally a part of the ordinance.		
31	<b>SECTION 7.</b> Repealer. All ordinances or resolutions of the City in conflict herewith are		
32	hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.		
33	PASSED: March 4, 2025		
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ATTEST:	APPROVED:
Allison Segars, City Clerk APPROVED AS TO FORM:	Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor
Tom Carpenter, City Attorney	
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