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3    **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND LITTLE ROCK, ARK., REV. CODE § 2-50**  
4    **(b)(2) (1988) and (c) TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF PRESENT AT A**  
5    **MEETING OF THE LITTLE ROCK BOARD OF DIRECTORS; TO**  
6    **DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND, FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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8    **WHEREAS**, during the COVID-19 pandemic, and in light of significant advances in technology, it  
9 was important to provide an effective means to assure attendance at meetings of the Little Rock Board of  
10 Directors, and at the various meetings of boards, commissions, and other groups funded in whole or in part  
11 by the City including ,but not limited to, the provision of staff, resources, or meeting places; and,

12   **WHEREAS**, with the development of effective vaccines to deal with COVID-19, such special  
13 arrangements are no longer necessary, and the attendance of elected or appointed officials is the best way  
14 to assure the transparency of actions by the City of Little Rock, Arkansas (“the City”), and to foster  
15 collegiality and discussion by the elected or appointed officials of pending issues;

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

18   **Section 1.** Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Cide § 2-50 (b)(2) and (c) (1988) is hereby repealed.

19   **Section 2.** Little Rock, Rev. Code § 2-50 (1988) is hereby amended to add the following:  
20   Nothing in this ordinance prohibits modifications to the definition of  
21   present if required by the declaration of a local disaster emergency as  
22   defined by Arkansas statute.

23   **Section 3. 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 were not originally a part of the  
27 ordinance.

28   **Section 4. Repealer.** All ordinances, resolutions, bylaws, and other matters inconsistent with this  
29 ordinance, including but not limited to Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 21,847 (March 25, 2020), Little  
30 Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 21,953 (January 19, 2021), and Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code § 2-50 (1988), are  
31 hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

32   **Section 4. Emergency.** *The ability City to assure openness, transparency, and collegiality in the*  
33 *discussion of issues pending before the Little Rock Board of Directors is essential to the public health, safety*

1 *and welfare; an emergency is, therefore, declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect*  
2 *from and after the date of its passage.*

3 **PASSED: March 25, 2025**

4 **ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Allison Segars, City Clerk

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Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor

8 **APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney

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