

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
APRIL 1, 2025 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>An ordinance to amend the procedures on Emergency Abatements for buildings deemed unsafe or dangerous to life and limb to provide for adequate due process.</p> <p>Submitted By: Office of the City Attorney</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">√ Ordinance Resolution</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Susan Altrui Acting City Manager</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SYNOPSIS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FISCAL IMPACT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BACKGROUND</p>	<p>An Ordinance amending the Little Rock City Code to require emergency abatement placards to contain information regarding appeals to notices to vacate and emergency abatement actions. This also adds an emergency abatement appeals process in which the owner of any building deemed unsafe or dangerous to life and limb can request an emergency hearing before the City Manager and any non-owner resident can get an expedited appeal hearing before the Board of Adjustment.</p> <p>Minimal</p> <p>Approval of the ordinance.</p> <p>Citizens are provided with a right to notice and a meaningful opportunity to be heard when being deprived of a property right by state action under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and Article Two Section Twenty-One of the Arkansas Constitution. This Ordinance would ensure that these rights are upheld and would comply with the Supreme Court of Arkansas’s holding in <i>City of Little Rock v. Alexander Apartments, LLC</i>, 2020 Ark. 12.</p>	