1	ORDINANCE NO	
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3	AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE I, §§ 20-1 and 20-	
4	2 OF THE LITTLE ROCK REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES (1988); TO	
5	DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
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7	WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas (the "City")	
8	has adopted Chapter 20 of the Little Rock Code of Ordinances, which defines and sets the penalties f	
9	nuisances within the City; and,	
LO	WHEREAS, there is now a need to amend the ordinance concerning nuisances to allow for the	
l1	immediate citation of certain nuisances.	
L2	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY	
L3	OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:	
L4	Section 1. Little Rock, Ark., Rev Code Chapter 20, Article 1, Section 20-1 is hereby amended to read	
L5	as follows:	
L6	Sec. 20-1. – Penalty.	
L7	Unless otherwise set out in a specific section, any person convicted of a violation of any of the	
L8	provisions of this article shall be punished as provided in section 1-9 except as set forth below:	
L9	(1) a. Parking a vehicle in a residential yard in violation of section 36-513 is a nuisance	
20	subject to an immediate citation;	
21	b. Any vehicle illegally parked in a residential yard may be cited for the violation of	
22	this article, and the owner shall be responsible for any penalties imposed.	
23	(2) a. Allowing any person to park a vehicle in a residential yard in violation of section 36-	
24	513 is a nuisance subject to an immediate citation;	
25	b. Any owner or occupant of a residence who permits any person to park illegally any	
26	vehicle in a residential yard may be cited for the violation of this article, and the owner	
27	or occupant shall be responsible for any penalties imposed.	
28	(3) Any person who pleads guilty or nolo contendere, or who is found guilty at trial of	
29	parking a vehicle in a residential yard, or allowing any vehicle to be parked in a residential yard,	
30	shall be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) and any applicable court costs.	
31	(4) a. The presence of grass, weeds, or any other plant that is not cultivated, which has	

1	grown to a height greater than ten (10) inches on an individual lot, tract, parcel, or grown in		
2	rank profusion upon the premises or in, along upon, or across the abutting sidewalk, parkway		
3	or alley in violation of section 20-2 is a nuisance subject to an immediate citation;		
4	b. Any owner or occupant of a property who permits grass, weeds, or any other plant that is		
5	not cultivated, to grow to a height greater than ten (10) inches on an individual lot, tract, parcel,		
6	or to grow in rank profusion upon the premises or in, along upon, or across the abutting		
7	sidewalk, parkway or alley in violation of section 20-2 may be cited for the violation of the		
8	article, and the owner or occupant shall be responsible for any penalties imposed.		
9	(5) a. Any person who pleads guilty or nolo contendere, or who is found guilty at trial of permitting		
10	grass, weeds, or any other plant that is not cultivated, to grow to a height greater than ten (10)		
11	inches on an individual lot, tract, parcel, or to grow in rank profusion upon the premises or in, along		
12	upon, or across the abutting sidewalk, parkway or alley in violation of section 20-2 shall be fined		
13	as follows:		
14	(i) fifty dollars (\$50.00) and any applicable court costs for the first violation within a		
15	calendar year;		
16	(ii) one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and any applicable court costs for the second violation		
17	at the same individual lot, tract, or parcel within a calendar year;		
18	(iii) two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and any applicable court costs for the third and all		
19	subsequent violations at the same individual lot, tract, or parcel within a calendar year.		
20	b. A calendar year is defined as a twelve-month period that begins on January 1 and ends or		
21	December 31.		
22	Section 2. Little Rock, Ark., Rev Code Chapter 20, Article 1, Sections 20-2(d) and (e) are hereby		
23	amended to read as follows:		
24	(d) With the exception noted in subsection (e) below, the person responsible for the violation shall		
25	be notified by one (1) or more of the following methods:		
26	(1) By delivery to the owner, agent or responsible party, personally.		
27	(2) By leaving the notice at the usual place, abode or business of the owner, agent or		
28	responsible party, with a person of suitable age and discretion.		
29	(3) By depositing the notice in the United States mail, addressed to the owner, agent o		
30	responsible party, at his last known address by certified mail, postage prepaid thereon.		
31	(4) By posting and keeping posted for a period of not less than twenty-four (24) hours, a copy		
32	of the notice in a conspicuous place on the premises alleged to be in violation.		
33	(5) By depositing the notice in the United States mail, addressed to the owner, agent or		
34	responsible party, at his last known address by regular mail with a notarized affidavit stating		

1	date mailed, postage prepaid thereon. This form of notice shall only be used in conjunction			
2	with one (1) or more other forms of notice permitted by this subsection.			
3	(6) Notice under this section shall not apply to a nuisance that is subject to immediate citation			
4	under Section 20-1.			
5	(e) No further notice, warning, or grace period is required to be given for any alleged repeat			
6	violation of the same subsection of this section within the remainder of the same calendar year for			
7	a period of three hundred and sixty-five (365) days after a notice has been issued.			
8	Section 3. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or			
9	word of this ordinance is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or			
10	adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance 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	ordinance.			
13	Section 4. 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	Section 5. Emergency Clause. There is hereby found and declared to be an immediate need for the			
16	amendment to the Little Rock, Ark., Code of Ordinances which benefits the public health, safety, and welfare			
17	of the City and the inhabitants thereof. It is therefore declared that an emergency exists and this Ordinance,			
18	being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare, shall be in force			
19	and take effect immediately upon and after its passage.			
20	PASSED: April 1, 2025			
21	ATTEST:	APPROVED:		
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24	Allison Segars, City Clerk	Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor		
25	APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:			
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27 28	Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney			
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