

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND LITTLE ROCK, ARK., REV. CODE § 22-34 (1988) TO CLARIFY WHEN A CHILD MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT IN A PUBLIC RESTROOM FACILITY; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the general rules for department at park facilities within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas (“the City”), were adopted over fifty (50) years ago and, with minor exceptions, have been part of the Little Rock Revised Code of Ordinances since at least 1961, and definitely after that last re-codification in 1988; and,

WHEREAS, the language of some provisions needs to be clarified to demonstrate the intent of the City, and one such provision is Section 22-34 of the Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code (1988) about the subject of restrooms;

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

**Section 1.** Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code § 22-34 (1988) is hereby amended to read as follows: Any child under the age of six (6) years may use any restroom facility within the City if accompanied by a parent, guardian, or person designated by a parent or guardian to do so.

**Section 2. Severability.** In the event any title, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution which shall remain in full force and effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part of the resolution.

**Section 3. Repealer.** All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, including by not limited to Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 12,366, § 22 (July 6, 1970), as codified as Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code § 26-5 (22) (1961), and Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code § 22-34 (1988), are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 4. Emergency Clause.** *When it is determined that provisions of the Little Rock Revised Code of Ordinances have not been reviewed or amended, as in this case, for more than fifty (50) years, and it is necessary to update the language of such a provision, it is essential to the public health, safety, and welfare to make such an amendment as soon as possible after such a determination; and emergency is, therefore, declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage*

**PASSED: May 18, 2021**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Susan Langley, City Clerk

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Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor

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**Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney**

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