

1 **RESOLUTION NO. _____**

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3 **A RESOLUTION TO STATE THE USE OF THE 1% SALES AND**
4 **COMPENSATING USE TAX FUNDS UPON APPROVAL OF THE TAX**
5 **LEVY BY THE VOTERS AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON**
6 **NOVEMBER 5, 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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8 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 22,485 (July 16, 2024), and Little Rock,
9 Ark., Ordinance No. 22,487 (July 16, 2024), the Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas
10 (“the Board”) levied an additional $\frac{3}{8}$ -Cent (.375%) general Sales and Compensating Use Tax for general
11 operations purposes, and an additional $\frac{5}{8}$ -Cent (.625%) general Sales and Compensating Use Tax for
12 general capital purposes; and,

13 **WHEREAS**, the Board directed that the $\frac{5}{8}$ -Cent (.625%) additional general Sales and Compensating
14 Use Tax for general capital purposes would expire on December 31, 2034, or at the end of ten (10) years
15 from the date that its collection began; and,

16 **WHEREAS**, the Board set the date of November 5, 2024, as the date of a special election for the voters
17 to approve or reject the additional levy of either, or both, Sales and Compensating Use Taxes (“the Taxes”);
18 and,

19 **WHEREAS**, in order to inform the electors of the City of the various uses that have been identified for
20 the proceeds from the additional Sales and Compensating Use Taxes (“the Tax Levy”); and,

21 **WHEREAS**, this resolution, while not a part of the ballot title, is intended to serve as a statement of
22 intent of the Board on how to expend the estimated Six Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$650,000,000.00)
23 from the proceeds of the first ten (10) years of the Tax Levy, for the uses set forth below.

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

26 **Section 1.** As set forth more fully below, the Board expresses its intent to expend the estimated
27 proceeds from the Taxes for needs in the following general categories as follows:

- 28 A. Public Safety
- 29 B. Homelessness
- 30 C. Affordable Housing
- 31 D. Parks and Quality of Life
- 32 E. Public Infrastructure
- 33 F. Port Expansion and Economic Development

- 1 G. Information Technology
- 2 H. Downtown Investments
- 3 I. General Capital Improvements

4 **Section 2. Taxes for Public Safety.**

- 5 (a) Operating Tax Expenditures: One Hundred Thirteen Million Dollars (\$113,000,000.00)
- 6 i. \$ 8,000,000.00 West Little Rock Fire Station Operations.
- 7 ii. \$ 15,000,000.00 Community Oriented Policing & Mental Health Response Teams.
- 8 iii. \$ 30,000,000.00 Technology: Real Time Crime Center & Field Operations.
- 9 iv. \$ 50,000,000.00 Public Safety & Code Enforcement Vehicles & Apparatus (w/
10 EV's).
- 11 v. \$ 5,000,000.00 Fire Station Renovation Fund.
- 12 vi. \$ 5,000,000.00 Code Enforcement.

- 13 (b) Capital Tax Expenditures: Zero Dollars (\$0.00)

14 **Section 3. Taxes for Homelessness.**

- 15 (a) Operating Tax Expenditures: Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00)
- 16 (b) Capital Tax Expenditures: Zero Dollars (\$0.00)

17 **Section 4. Taxes for Affordable Housing.**

- 18 (a) Operating Tax Expenditures: Zero Dollars (\$0.00)
- 19 (b) Capital Tax Expenditures: Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00)

20 **Section 5. Taxes for Parks and Quality of Life.**

- 21 (a) Total Tax Expenditures: Two Hundred Ninety-Nine Million, Seven Hundred Fifty Thou-
22 sand Dollars; (\$299,750,000.00):
- 23 (b) Operating Tax Expenditures: Forty-Five Million, Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars
24 (\$45,750,000.00).
- 25 a. \$10,000,000.00 General Park Improvements & Maintenance.
- 26 b. \$ 2,500,000.00 General Trail Improvements & Maintenance.
- 27 c. \$ 1,000,000.00 Hindman Park Improvements.
- 28 d. \$ 1,000,000.00 War Memorial Park Improvements.
- 29 e. \$ 4,000,000.00 Indoor Sports Complex.
- 30 f. \$ 4,000,000.00 Outdoor Sports Complex.
- 31 g. \$ 2,000,000.00 West Central Complex: Swimming Pool.
- 32 h. \$ 1,500,000.00 Senior Center and Pickleball.
- 33 i. \$ 0.00 Murray/Rebsamen Park Soccer.
- 34 j. \$ 1,000,000.00 Jim Dailey Fitness & Aquatic Center & Pool.

- 1 k. \$ 0.00 Fifteen (15)-Acre Park Downtown.
- 2 l. \$ 1,250,000.00 1st Tee Golf Expansion & Rebranding;
- 3 m. \$ 4,000,000.00 Rebsamen Golf Pro Shop & Renovation;
- 4 n. \$ 2,000,000.00 Community Center Investment;
- 5 o. \$ 1,500,000.00 Rebsamen Tennis Center Indoor Complex;
- 6 p. \$ 0.00 Zoo Master Plan Implementation; and
- 7 q. \$10,000,000.00 Zoo Operations Increase
- 8 (c) Capital Tax Expenditures: Two Hundred Fifty-Four Million Dollars (\$254,000,000.00):
- 9 a. \$16,500,000.00 General Park Improvements & Maintenance.
- 10 b. \$ 5,000,000.00 General Trail Improvements & Maintenance.
- 11 c. \$14,000,000.00 Hindman Park Improvements.
- 12 d. \$14,000,000.00 War Memorial Park Improvements.
- 13 e. \$60,000,000.00 Indoor Sports Complex.
- 14 f. \$60,000,000.00 Outdoor Sports Complex.
- 15 g. \$ 8,000,000.00 West Central Complex: Swimming Pool.
- 16 h. \$ 3,000,000.00 Senior Center and Pickleball.
- 17 i. \$ 1,500,000.00 Murray/Rebsamen Park Soccer.
- 18 j. \$ 3,000,000.00 Jim Dailey Fitness & Aquatic Center & Pool.
- 19 k. \$10,000,000.00 Fifteen (15)-Acre Park Downtown.
- 20 l. \$ 3,000,000.00 1st Tee Golf Expansion & Rebranding.
- 21 m. \$10,000,000.00 Rebsamen Golf Pro Shop & Renovation.
- 22 n. \$ 8,000,000.00 Community Center Investment.
- 23 o. \$ 8,000,000.00 Rebsamen Tennis Center Indoor Complex.
- 24 p. \$30,000,000.00 Zoo Master Plan Implementation.
- 25 q. \$ 0.00 Zoo Operations Increase.

26 **Section 6. Taxes for Public Infrastructure.**

- 27 (a) Total Tax Expenditures: One Hundred Thirty-Four Million Dollars (\$134,000,000.00)
- 28 (b) Operating Tax Expenditures: Forty-Eight Million Dollars (\$48,000,000.00):
- 29 i. \$ 0.00 Strategic Infrastructure Developments.
- 30 ii. \$ 0.00 Targeted Community Development Infrastructure.
- 31 iii. \$48,000,000.00 Street Resurfacing, Sidewalks, and Infrastructure.
- 32 iv. \$ 0.00 Sustainable Infrastructure.
- 33 (c) Capital Tax Expenditures: Eighty-Six Million Dollars (\$86,000,000.00)
- 34 i. \$ 80,000,000.00 Strategic Infrastructure Developments.

- 1 ii. \$ 5,000,000.00 Targeted Community Development Infrastructure.
- 2 iii. \$ 0.00 Street Resurfacing, Sidewalks, and Infrastructure.
- 3 iv. \$ 1,000,000.00 Sustainable Infrastructure.

4 **Section 7. Taxes for Port Expansion and Economic Development.**

- 5 (a) Operating Tax Expenditures: Zero Dollars (\$0.00).
- 6 (b) Capital Tax Expenditures: Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00)
 - 7 i. \$22,000,000.00 Economic Development Impact Fund.
 - 8 ii. \$ 8,000,000.00 Port Infrastructure and Expansion.

9 **Section 8. Taxes for Information Technology.**

- 10 (a) Total Tax Expenditures: Twelve Million, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$12,250,000.00)
- 11 (b) Operating Tax Expenditure: Eleven Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
- 12 (\$11,500,000.00)
- 13 (c) Capital Tax Expenditure: Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00)

14 **Section 9. Taxes for Downtown Investments.**

- 15 (a) Total Tax Expenditure: Sixteen Million Dollars (\$16,000,000.00)
- 16 (b) Operating Tax Expenditure: Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00)
 - 17 i. \$1,000,000.00 Downtown Little Rock Development.
 - 18 ii. \$ 0.00 River Market Hall Renovation.
 - 19 iii. \$3,000,000.00 Museum of Discovery.
- 20 (c) Capital Tax Expenditure: Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000.00)
 - 21 i. \$9,000,000.00 Downtown Little Rock Development.
 - 22 ii. \$3,000,000.00 River Market Hall Renovation.
 - 23 iii. \$ 0.00 Museum of Discovery.

24 **Section 10. Taxes for General Capital Improvements.**

- 25 (a) Total Tax Expenditure: Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00)
- 26 (b) Operating Tax Expenditure: One Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00)
 - 27 i. \$ 0.00 Downtown Parking Decks
 - 28 ii. \$ 0.00 Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System
 - 29 iii. \$ 1,500,000.00 Broadway and Downtown Bridge Lights
- 30 (c) Capital Tax Expenditure: Thirteen Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$13,500,000.00)
 - 31 i. \$10,000,000.00 Downtown Parking Decks.
 - 32 ii. \$ 1,000,000.00 Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System.
 - 33 iii. \$ 2,500,000.00 Broadway and Downtown Bridge Lights.

1 **Section 11. Anticipated Receipts and Use of Any Amounts Over the Receipts.** The total tax
2 collections over the next ten (10)-year period are anticipated to be Six Hundred Fifty Million Dollars
3 (\$650,000,000.00). For any year in which the collection of the Taxes exceed the amount needed to fund
4 the operational or capital improvements set forth above, the Board declares that it will allocate any
5 additional funds as follows:

6 (a) The first Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) each year shall be transferred into a Contingency
7 Fund to cover any unexpected expenses during that year to enable the City to fulfill the
8 obligations set forth in this resolution to its residents; and,

9 (b) Any amount more than the Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) shall be transferred into a
10 special City Infrastructure Fund which shall have a division for Capital Tax Receipts, and a
11 division for Operations Tax Receipts; and,

12 (c) Any allocation from the two (2) funds is subject to City Board approval based on
13 recommendations from the Mayor and review of the Oversight Committee; and,

14 (d) At the end of ten (10) years, any funds remaining in the Contingency Fund will be transferred
15 to the “Infrastructure Fund.”

16 **Section 12. Severability.** In the event any title, subtitle, section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph,
17 subparagraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or work of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid
18 or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution
19 which shall remain in full force and effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or
20 unconstitutional was not originally a part of this resolution.

21 **Section 13. Repealer.** All ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same that are inconsistent with the
22 provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

23 **ADOPTED: July 30, 2024**

24 **ATTEST:**

APPROVED:

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27 **Susan Langley, City Clerk**

_____ **Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor**

28 **APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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31 **Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney**

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