ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE IT UNFEASIBLE AND IMPRACTICAL TO BID; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BALE CHEVROLET COMPANY, IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS ($169,525.00), INCLUDING APPLICABLE TAXES AND FEES, FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) CHEVROLET ELECTRIC VEHICLES INCLUDING THREE (3) 2027 CHEVROLET BOLT LTS, ONE (1) 2025 CHEVROLET BLAZER POLICE PURSUIT EV, AND ONE (1) 2026 CHEVROLET EQUINOX BY THE CITY'S FLEET SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR USE BY VARIOUS CITY OF LITTLE ROCK DEPARTMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City's Fleet Services Department has the need to replace older, internal combustion engine vehicles currently in use by the City due to accrued mileage and excessive maintenance; and,

WHEREAS, the City's Fleet Services Department selected Bale Chevrolet Company as the vendor to supply replacement electric vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, the City's Fleet Services Department received a quote from Bale Chevrolet Company of One Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars ($169,525.00), including applicable taxes and fees, for the acquisition of five (5) Chevrolet Electric Vehicles including three (3) 2027 Chevrolet Bolt LT's, One (1) 2025 Chevrolet Blazer Police Pursuit EV, and One (1) 2026 Chevrolet Equinox by the City's Fleet Services Department for use by various City of Little Rock departments; and,

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges the adoption of August 5, 2025 Act 924 of 2025 requiring the electric vehicle or electric vehicle component manufacturer to provide the governmental entity a sworn certification that certifies that no entity involved in the production of the electric vehicle or the electric vehicle component being sold, including the production of a constituent part or the mining or other sourcing of materials for the electric vehicle or the component of an electric vehicle, used forced labor in its activities;

WHEREAS, the manufacturer of the electric vehicle subject to this resolution has provided a good faith statement in compliance with Act 924 of 2025 (eff. Aug. 5, 2025) attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

WHEREAS, Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock approval or ratification of this resolution is based on a good faith reliance on the validity of the manufacturer's statements and any action taken by the City, its Mayor, its City Manager and any employee based is on a good faith reliance on the validity of the

manufacturer's statements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS;

Section 1. The Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas declares that it is impractical and unfeasible to submit the purchase of electric vehicles subject to the good faith statements in compliance with Act 924 of 2025 (eff. Aug. 5, 2025) to a competitive bid process, and, therefore, waives competitive bidding.

Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to enter into a contract with Bale Chevrolet Company in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars ($169,525.00), including applicable taxes and fees, for the acquisition of five (5) Chevrolet Electric Vehicles including three (3) 2027 Chevrolet Bolt LT's, One (1) 2025 Chevrolet Blazer Police Pursuit EV, and One (1) 2026 Chevrolet Equinox by the City's Fleet Services Department for use by various City of Little Rock departments.

Section 2. Funding for this purchase is allocated in two City accounts in the following amounts:

- Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) in MetroPlan Electric Vehicle Grant funding in Grant Funding Account No. 270609-72300-G60P255; and
- One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Five Hundred, Twenty-Five Dollars ($119,525.00) in Fleet Replacements Account No. 108609-S60C639-72300.

Section 3. ***Severability.*** In the event any title, section, 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 5. ***Repealer.*** All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

ADOPTED: October 5, 2026

ATTEST: **APPROVED:**

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Allison Segars, City Clerk **Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor**

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

Excerpt from Arkansas Act 924 (2025)

(b) A governmental entity shall not enter into a contract for the procurement of an electric vehicle or a component of an electric vehicle unless the manufacturer of the electric vehicle or component of an electric vehicle in good faith provides the governmental entity a sworn certification that certifies that no entity involved in the production of the electric vehicle or the component of an electric vehicle being sold, including the production of a constituent part or the mining or other sourcing of materials for the electric vehicle or the component of an electric vehicle, used forced labor in its activities.

Pulaski County Attachment X

Sworn Certification of Compliance with Arkansas Act 924 (2025)

This certification is provided pursuant to **Arkansas Act 924 of 2025**, relating to the procurement of electric vehicles and components.

I, the undersigned, being duly authorized to act on behalf of **[Manufacturer Name]**, hereby certify in good faith that:

1. No entity involved in the production of the electric vehicle(s) or component(s) being provided under this contract — including the production of constituent parts and the mining or sourcing of materials — used **forced labor** in its activities.
2. For purposes of this certification, *"forced labor"* includes labor obtained through force, fraud, or coercion; threats of harm or abuse of law; discriminatory practices; or child labor in hazardous occupations.
3. I understand that knowingly providing false or misleading information may subject the manufacturer and/or responsible individuals to civil penalties under Arkansas law.

Manufacturer: GENERAL MOTORS LLC.

Authorized Representative (print name): YURI TELLO

Title: MANAGER OF GOVERNMENT SALES

Signature: _____

Date: 9/16/25

Notarization (if required):
Subscribed and sworn before me this 16TH day of September, 20.25

Notary Public Signature: R. G Cly
My Commission Expires: April 16, 2026
Acting in Macomb, County, Michigan

RENEE A. COOLEY
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF MI
COUNTY OF MACOMB
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES Apr 16, 2026
ACTING IN COUNTY OF Macomb

Sworn Certification Regarding Absence of Forced Labor in Electric Vehicle Production

Pursuant to Act 924 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Arkansas General Assembly, the undersigned hereby certifies under oath as follows:

1. I am duly authorized to make this certification on behalf of **[Manufacturer Name]**, a manufacturer of **[Electric Vehicle / Component Name]**.
2. In good faith, I certify that no entity involved in the production of the electric vehicle or the component of the electric vehicle being sold to **[Arkansas Governmental Entity Name]**, including the production of any constituent part or the mining or other sourcing of materials for the electric vehicle or component, used forced labor in its activities.
3. For purposes of this certification, "forced labor" includes, but is not limited to:
   - Labor obtained or maintained through force, fraud, or coercion;
   - Labor imposed by threat of harm or abuse of legal process;
   - Discriminatory labor practices;
   - Child labor in mining, manufacturing, or other hazardous occupations.
4. I understand that knowingly providing a false or misleading certification may subject **[Manufacturer Name]** to civil penalties as provided by Arkansas law, and may also result in personal liability for individuals involved.

Executed this 16 day of SEP. , 2025

Signature: [signature]
Printed Name: YURI TELLO
Title/Position: MANAGER OF GOVERNMENT SALES
Company: GENERAL MOTORS LLC

State of Michigan)
County of Macomb)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 16th day of Sept , 20, by **[Name of Signatory]**.

Notary Public Signature: R. G Cly
My Commission Expires: April 16, 2026
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