ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE IT IMPRACTICAL AND UNFEASIBLE TO BID; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LENA FOUNDATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($112,500.00), PLUS APPLICABLE TAXES AND FEES, FOR THE PURCHASE OF SEVENTY-FIVE (75) GROW ROOM DIRECT KITS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSROOMS IN THE LITTLE ROCK LOCAL LEADS SERVICE AREA TO SUPPORT SPECIALIZED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION SKILL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF STRENGTHENING EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEMS AND ENHANCE PROGRAM QUALITY IN ALIGNMENT WITH LOCAL LEADS INITIATIVE EFFORTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Office of Executive Administration was awarded Local Leads Grant funds by the Arkansas Department of Education's Office of Early Childhood on March 13th, 2026 and named a Local Early Childhood Lead Organization; and,

WHEREAS, to develop supportive learning environments for children within the City, there is a need to purchase Seventy-five (75) Grow Room Kits from LENA Foundation, a national nonprofit which provides tools for measuring children's language, acquisition and exposure through workforce development, continued support and data collection tools for the classroom; and,

WHEREAS, because this purchase from LENA Foundation is for Work Force Development Training Services, it is exempt from the City's competitive bid process requirement under Exemption No. 25; and,

WHEREAS, per the vendor's quote attached hereto as Exhibit A, the total cost to purchase Seventy-five (75) Grow Room Kits from LENA Foundation, is One Hundred Twelve Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars ($112,500.00), including applicable taxes and fees.

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

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the City Manager to enter into a contract with LENA Foundation, in the amount of One Hundred Twelve Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars ($112,500.00),

including applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of 75 Grow Room Kits for distribution to Early Childhood classrooms in the Little Rock Local Leads service area.

Section 2. The Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock declares that it is impractical and unfeasible to subject Grow Room Kits from LENA Foundation to a competitive bid selection and process because LENA Foundation is the only provider of the Grow Kits, and, therefore, waives competitive bidding.

Section 3. Local Leads grant award funds for this purchase are allocated in Account No. G25P261-270259-63391.

Section 4. ***Severability.*** In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance 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 ordinance.

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.

PASSED: November 2, 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

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EXHIBIT A

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Subscription Start Date: 11/2/2026
Subscription End Date: 11/1/2027

PRODUCTS & SERVICES	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	PRICE
LENA Grow Direct (NT)	75	Includes software subscription, implementation support, training, and Room Kits, pre-kitted with the appropriate devices and clothing. *The LENA Grow room kit is a returnable resource, as defined in the Program Agreement. The client is responsible for the return of all LENA Grow room kits (the box plus the LENA devices, Multi Deck, and unused clothing; excluding curriculum materials and worn vests) 10 weeks from the receipt of the Direct Box. See Guidelines for further details.	$1,500.00	$112,500.00
		Total		**$112,500.00**