OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
NOVEMBER 17, 2026 AGENDA

Subject:	**Action Required:**	**Approved By:**
2027 Arkansas Municipal League Annual Membership Fee and Insurance Pool Administration **Submitted By:** Finance Department	√ **Ordinance** Resolution	Delphone Hubbard City Manager

SYNOPSIS	An ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Arkansas Municipal League for City membership to participate in the 2027 Municipal League Defense Program to cover certain litigation expenses.
FISCAL IMPACT	The total amount is not to exceed $518,673.11. Funds for this expenditure are allocated annually in the General Fund Account No. 100000-63630.
RECOMMENDATION	Pass the Ordinance.
BACKGROUND	The Arkansas Municipal League acts as Arkansas municipalities' official representative before the state and federal governments provides litigation defense to participating municipalities, their officials and employees through the Municipal League Defense Program to mitigate the impact of legal actions, and access to League educational information. When the City or its employees are named as defendants in Civil Rights Acts cases at the State and Federal level, not only is there cost associated with litigating these cases but there is also the potential liability the City or its employee could be found liable. Instead of purchasing an annual insurance policy, the City elected to purchase an annual membership to participate in the Municipal League Defense Program administered by the Arkansas Municipal League. The cost of the City's 2026 AML membership was $498,413.86. The City's 2027 AML membership cost has risen by $20,259.25 due to the City's loss profile. The Municipal Legal Defense Program premium is $476,089.00 or $2.35 per capita. The remaining $42,584.11 AML service charge covers League educational information access and National League of Cities membership.