OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
NOVEMBER 17, 2026 AGENDA

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
An ordinance to amend Section 29-198 and Section 29-213 of Chapter 29 of the Little Rock Code of Ordinances.	√**Ordinance** Resolution	
Submitted By: Public Works Department		Delphone Hubbard City Manager

SYNOPSIS	The ordinance authorizes the amendment of Section 29-198 and Section 29-213 of Chapter 29 of the Little Rock, Ark., Revised Code of Ordinances ("LRC"), Stormwater Management and Drainage, to include new terms in its Definitions section and to establish Industrial Stormwater Discharge Inspection Fees.
FISCAL IMPACT	To offset the administrative costs for the monitoring and inspection of industrial facilities, and the costs to assure compliance with the Industrial Stormwater Discharge Monitoring Program, required by the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") MS4 permit, LRC Section 29-213 requires the Board of Directors to establish an appropriate fee schedule. Administrative and program operating expenses will include the salary of program staff, vehicle, equipment and communication devices, software and other related expenses. The Board of Directors may review and adjust such fees periodically. The activities of the program will be accounted for in Fund 280.
RECOMMENDATION	Pass the ordinance.

BACKGROUND

Effective stormwater management, which provides protection against pollutants carried by stormwater to the waters of the United States, is regulated by the Clean Water Act, the NPDES, and state and federal statutes and regulations regarding municipal separate storm sewer systems ("MS4"). Effective stormwater management is critical for protecting public health and the environment. The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, Division of Environmental Quality ("DEQ") issued the Authorization to Discharge Under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act, Storm Water Quality Management MS4 Permit ARS000002 ("the Permit") for the City of Little Rock and the Arkansas Department of Transportation, as co-permittees. The Permit authorizes the discharge of stormwater under the requirements of the NPDES, provides water quality guidance and contains state compliance criteria for various sources of stormwater discharges. The City is required under the Permit to "develop and implement a program to control pollutants in stormwater discharges to the MS4 from industrial facilities through ordinance, permit contract, order or similar means, in accordance with 40 CFR Part 122.26(d)(2)(i)(A)."

The City is required to implement regulatory authority for this program in conformance with its effective MS4 permit.

Therefore, it is necessary for the City to develop and implement policies and ordinances to effectuate a program to control pollutants in industrial stormwater discharges to the City's MS4. It is necessary to amend Section 29-198 and Section 29-213 of Chapter 29 of Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code (1988), Stormwater Management and Drainage, to include new terms in its "Definitions section" and to establish Industrial Stormwater Discharge Inspection Fees.