RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THAT FRANCHISE FEES FOR THE USE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY BY UTILITIES WITHIN THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, WILL CONTINUE IN THE SAME AMOUNT IN 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City will continue Franchise Agreements with various utilities including Water Service, Sanitary Sewer Services, Electricity Services, Telephone Service, Long Distance Telecommunications Services and Natural Gas Services, among others, and has done so since 1957; and,

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

Section 1. The following Franchise Agreements, and Franchise Fees payments, attached below as Exhibit A, shall be in effect from and after January 1, 2027:

A. Entergy Corporation, in the amount of 5.2% of the company's gross revenue collection as paid to it by industrial, commercial and residential users located within the corporate limits of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas excluding its gross revenue collection as paid to it by any High Load User located within the corporate limits of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas and 0.25% of its gross revenue collection as paid to it by any High Load User; or the sum of Eight Million, Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($8,800,000.00), whichever is greater; and,

B. Local Access Telephone Service carriers, in the amount of 7.32% of the respective company's local exchange access charges collected within the corporate limits of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and,

C. Long Distance Intrastate or Interstate Telecommunication Service providers, in the amount of $0.004 cents per minute for toll charges charged to a service address within the corporate limits of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and,

D. Summit Utilities, for Natural Gas Service, in an amount equal to 5.2% of the gross revenues paid to it during Calendar Year 2027 and each year thereafter by all of its customers including, but not limited to industrial, residential and commercial customers located within the corporate limits of the City of little Rock, Arkansas, or the sum of Two Million, One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($2,100,000.00), whichever is greater; and,

E. Central Arkansas Water for Water Service within the corporate limits of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, as currently established at ten percent (10%) of Central Arkansas Water's operating revenues that are attributable to gross income from water sales to customers located within the City during the applicable fiscal year excluding operating revenues derived from any user with demand exceeding 1.0 MGD on an annual average provided that the City and the user have entered into an agreement that provides for the City from the user alternative consideration for Central Arkansas Water's use of the City's rights-of-way; and,

F. Little Rock Water Reclamation Authority for Sanitary Sewer Service within the corporate limits of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, as currently established at ten percent (10%) of the gross revenues of the Little Rock Water Reclamation Authority excluding revenues from any user with an installed and billed meter with discharge exceeding 750,000 gallons per day on an annual average provided the City has contractually accepted an alternate consideration for the Little Rock Water Reclamation Authority's use of its rights-of-way for an eligible user.

Section 2. Copies of the this resolution shall be on file with the City Clerk, and will be listed on the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, website, for a period of not less than ten (10) days prior to the end of 2026.

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 was not originally a part of the resolution.

Section 4. ***Repealer.*** All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

ADOPTED: November 17, 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