

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE ACTION OF UPPER CRUST, EVENT CENTER LOCATED AT 320 W. 7TH STREET, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, (Z-10152) IN FILING AN APPLICATION FOR OPERATION AS A PRIVATE CLUB PERMITTED AS DEFINED FROM THE ARKANSAS ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONTROL DIVISION OF THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION; TO COMPLY WITH ARK. CODE ANN. § 3-9-222(a)(1); TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2025, a Conditional Use Permit for an Event Center on 320 W. 7th Street was approved by the Planning Commission to operate under the conditions of the Staff Report; and,

WHEREAS, Upper Crust Event Center, located at 320 W. 7th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72201, (see Master Street Plan herein as Exhibit A) seeks to obtain a permit to operate as a private club as defined by and in compliance with the Arkansas Beverage Control Division ("ABC") Rules and Regulations and Arkansas Statutes; and,

WHEREAS, such a use for this property is within the exclusive jurisdiction of the City of Little Rock and previously approved for such use through a UU, Urban Use District, zoning designation; and,

WHEREAS, Act 1112 of 2017, codified at Ark. Code Ann. § 3-9-222(a)(I), as may be amended, requires applicants for a Private Club License, as defined by the Arkansas Alcohol Beverage Control Division, obtain approval of the governing body of the City or County where the private club is to be located to follow the statutory process.

**NOW, THEREORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY
OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS.**

Section 1. Pursuant to Act I 112 of 2017 as amended, the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, approves the action of Upper Crust Event Center, to follow the statutory process to file a Private Club Application with the Department of Finance and Administration, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, for the location at 320 W. 7th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72201.

Section 2. A copy of this ordinance may be provided to the ABC Division of the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration as evidence that the City Governing Body has authorized such a use within this zoning classification.

Section 3. 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 was not originally a part of the ordinance.

Section 4. Repealer. All resolutions, bylaws, and other matters inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 5. *Emergency Clause.* The necessity of appropriate procedures to follow in order to obtain a permit for the sale of alcoholic beverages that complies with state statutes and regulations, and which is stated in a way acceptable to the ABC is essential to the public health, safety and welfare, because it provides a means for the ABC to undertake its appropriate enforcement. administrative, permitting duties: this ordinance cannot proceed until such language is in place; therefore, an emergency declared to exist, and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

PASSED: February 3, 2026

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Allison Segars, City Clerk

Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney