

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE IT IMPRACTICAL AND UNFEASIBLE TO BID; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BEZOS EARTH FUND AND THE LITTLE ROCK REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR A MORE DEFINITE DESIGN OF 30 CROSSING; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City has been involved in a project to develop the area under the recently completed extension of the I-30 in downtown Little Rock; and,

WHEREAS, the Bezos Earth Fund, working through the Little Rock Chamber of Commerce (“the Chamber”), has provided potentially thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000.00) in funds to further design and expand opportunities within the area and,

WHEREAS, the City has the opportunity to contract with the Chamber and combine its monies with those under the control of the Chamber, particularly an amount of up to five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) to more specifically provide design work for infrastructure and other matters necessary to provide further development in the area; and,

WHEREAS, the ability to take advantage of the funds that are controlled by the Chamber is unique and makes it impossible to subject such an agreement to formal competitive selection processes;

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

Section 1. The Board of Directors declares that it is impractical and unfeasible to subject a contract for further design of infrastructure and other matters in the area known as 30 Crossing to competitive selection in light of the monies donated to, and under the control of, the Chamber for this project.

Section 2. The Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk are authorized to execute any documents, in a form approved by the City Attorney, necessary to accomplish this initial design work through a combination of funds controlled by the Chamber and provided by the City.

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.

1 **Section4 Repealer.** All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with
2 the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency including, but not
3 limited to Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 21,700 (March 5, 2019).

4 **Section 5. Emergency Clause.** The ability to properly plan the process for the completion of improve-
5 ments to the area known as 30 Crossing, to design appropriate items and to assure that City infrastructure
6 is properly in place for initial improvements, and for the overall construction, of facilities and amenities in
7 this area, particularly in conjunction with the donation of funds controlled by the Chamber, is essential to
8 the public health, safety and welfare; an emergency, therefore is declared to exist and this ordinance shall
9 be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

10 **PASSED: July 7, 2026**

11 **ATTEST:**

APPROVED:

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14 **Allison Segars, City Clerk**

Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor

15 **APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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18 **Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney**

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