

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND LITTLE ROCK, ARK., ORDINANCE NO. 22,784 (JUNE 2, 2026) TO CLARIFY THAT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE 300,000 FOOT FACILITY IDENTIFIED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ATTACHED TO LITTLE ROCK, ARK., RESOLUTION NO. 16,672 (APRIL 29, 2025), ANY APPLICATION FOR ZONING RECLASSIFICATIONS, PROVISION, OR CONDITIONS, FOR A HYPERSCALE DATA CENTER SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, in Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 16,672 (April 29, 2025) (“LRR No. ____”), the City of Little Rock authorized entry into a memorandum of understanding to permit the construction of a 300,000 foot structure, and some other buildings; and,

WHEREAS, in Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 22,784 (June 2, 2026) (“LRO No. ____”), the City passed an ordinance to set clear standards for the development of data centers, and in this ordinance defined the meeting of a Hyperscale Data Center; and,

WHEREAS, a Hyperscale Data Center could have a tremendous economic impact, as well as other impacts, upon a locality that should be carefully considered prior to any such construction;

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

Section 1. LRO No. 22,784 (June 2, 2026) is amended to add the following section:

Implementation of Zoning Classifications and applications for City permits. Any zoning reclassifications, provisions, permits, or conditions of this ordinance required for a Hyperscale Data Center besides the one 300,000 square foot facility by Willowbend Capital, LLC, shall not be accepted before January 1, 2027. Nothing in this provision precludes steps, or permits, issued by governments other than the City for Hyperscale Data centers, provided all parties are aware that the zoning classification established by this ordinance shall not be considered for any project other than the one 300,000 square foot project mentioned in LRR 16,672.

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ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency including, but not limited to Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 21,700 (March 5, 2019).

Section 4. *Emergency Clause.* The protection of adequate electricity, water, natural gas, and water reclamation services for all Hyperscale Data Centers that may located within the City, as well as for the citizens and quality of life of the citizens of the City, is essential to the public health, safety and welfare; an emergency, therefore is declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

PASSED: July 7, 2026

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Allison Segars, City Clerk

Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney

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