

**AN ORDINANCE DEFINING “ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT” TO BE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES UNDER ARKANSAS LAW; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas (“City”) finds that economic development, including the relief of unemployment and the promotion of industry, is undoubtedly a proper governmental purpose, as stated by the Arkansas Supreme Court in the often-cited case of *Wayland v. Snapp*, 232 Ark. 57, 334 S.W.2d 633 (1960); and

WHEREAS, the City deems it proper to improve the process through which economic development is conducted; and

WHEREAS, Ark. Code Ann. § 19-11-801, et seq., provides the method cities use to procure professional services, such as legal, financial advisory, architectural, engineering, construction management, land surveying, planning and such other professional services *as are defined by two-thirds (2/3) vote of city council*; and

WHEREAS, the law for the procurement of professional services requires the selection of professionals to be based upon analysis of qualifications rather than bids; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Little Rock (the “City”) is considering the employment of professionals to function as Economic Development Consultants for the City and believes the proper procedure for such employment is through the RFQ process provided by State law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That “**Economic Development Consultant**” is hereby defined to be a professional service under Ark. Code Ann. § 19-11-801, et seq., Economic Development Consultants may be used as necessary to assist the City of North Little Rock in economic development matters including, but not limited to:

- Developing strategies for economic development
- Communicating with prospective businesses about the City.
- Communicating with businesses within the City about job growth.
- Managing City properties that are leased or market for economic development
- Developing an incentive strategy within financial constraints.
- Researching and compiling statistical data
- Preparing and presenting plans for economic development

- Drafting and/or preparing required documentation – For local, state and federal authorities.

SECTION 2: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 3: That the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, phrase or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions.

SECTION 4: It is hereby found and determined that economic development is competitive, requires professional assistance, and vitally important to the welfare of the City, and that the passage of this Ordinance is necessary in order to efficiently pursue economic development and provide for the proper representation of the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas in its endeavors to bring economic growth to the City, and being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare; THEREFORE, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

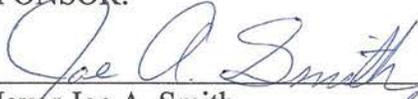
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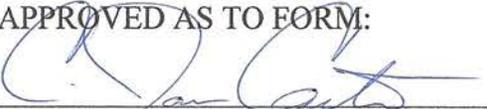
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Mayor Joe A. Smith

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Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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C. Jason Carter, City Attorney

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