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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9555, WHICH ADOPTED THE 2021 ARKANSAS FIRE PREVENTION CODE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, ON March 13, 2023, the North Little Rock City Council adopted Ordinance No. 9555, which amended North Little Rock Municipal Code ("NLRMC") Chapter 4, Buildings and Building Regulations, to adopt the most recent edition (2021) of the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code; and

WHEREAS, Volume I, Section 319 ("Section 319") of the 2021 Arkansas Fire Prevention Code addresses mobile food preparation vehicles, and notes that the provisions of that section are left for local adoption; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Ordinance No. 9555 provides that mobile food preparation vehicles shall meet the requirements of Section 319 by January 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Marshal has determined that current state and local laws and regulations governing food trucks are adequate to ensure the safety of food truck owners, operators, employees and the public, and that implementation of the requirements of Section 319 would be prohibitively expensive for many food truck owners and would not measurably increase public safety; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to not require food preparation vehicles to meet the requirements of Section 319.

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

SECTION 1: That Section 4 of Ordinance No. 9555, adopted March 13, 2023, which requires food preparation vehicles to meet the requirements of Volume 1, Section 319 of the 2021 Arkansas Fire Prevention Code by January 1, 2027, is hereby repealed

SECTION 2: That all ordinances or parts of ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.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: That this Ordinances shall be in effect on April 10, 2026.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

Mayor Terry C. Hartwick

SPONSOR:

Council Member Debi Ross

ATTEST:

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/ABF

FILED 10:44 A.M. _____ P.M.
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Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector
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