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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING ELECTRIC SERVICE STANDARDS FOR THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, there is a need to adopt electric service standards to be used by architects, builders, contractors, developers, engineers, electricians, owners and others in planning electrical wiring and apparatus installations intended for connection to service lines of the North Little Rock Electric Department ("NLRED"); and

WHEREAS, NLRED staff have worked extensively to prepare **Electric Service Standards** to ensure economical and satisfactory service to NLRED customers which are consistent with the most recent editions of the National Electrical Safety Code ("NESC") and National Electrical Code ("NEC"); and

WHEREAS, the NLRED **Electric Services Standards** (attached hereto as Exhibit "A") include the basic provisions from NESC and NEC that are considered necessary for safety and are limited to information deemed essential in planning installations which are adequate and satisfactory for the many uses and conveniences of electric service; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Little Rock ("the City") believes it is in the best interests of the City, its citizens and residents, and those individuals or entities desiring connection to NLRED service lines, that the **Electric Service Standards** be adopted.

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

SECTION 1: That the North Little Rock Electric Department **Electric Service Standards**, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference, are hereby adopted.

SECTION 2: That three (3) copies of the **Electric Service Standards** are on file in the office of the City Clerk, or may be downloaded from the NLRED website at www.nlrelectric.com.

SECTION 3: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 4: 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 5: That it is hereby determined and found that standards for electric service in the City are needed to provide safe connections and adequate electrical service in the City, and that the City and the residents thereof can best be served by the adoption of this Ordinance; THEREFORE, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

Mayor Joe A. Smith

SPONSOR:

Mayor Joe A. Smith

ATTEST:

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

C. Jason Carter, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/b

FILED 11:26 A.M. _____ P.M.
By City Atty Carter
DATE 5-19-15

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector
North Little Rock, Arkansas

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