

ORDINANCE NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9257 TO EXPAND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT KNOWN AS THE ARGENTA OUTDOOR DINING DISTRICT; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Act 812 of 2019 authorizes cities collecting a gross receipts tax on prepared food or hotel and motel accommodations under Ark. Code Ann. §§ 26-75-602, et. seq., and located in a county authorized to sell alcoholic beverages to create a designated entertainment district and to set reasonable standards for the regulation of alcohol possession within the boundaries of the district; and

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2020, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 9257, creating the entertainment district known as the Argenta Outdoor Dining District (shown in yellow on the map attached hereto as Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to amend Ordinance No. 9257 to extend the boundaries of entertainment district to include more restaurants and further promote hospitality and entertainment in downtown Argenta.

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

SECTION 1: That Ordinance No. 9257 is hereby amended to expand the boundaries of the Argenta Outdoor Dining District (shown in green on the map attached hereto as Exhibit A).

SECTION 2: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.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 the extension of an entertainment district in the downtown Argenta area will promote hospitality and tourism by highlighting restaurant, entertainment, and hospitality options, and will provide economic benefit to the City and its residents and business owners; thus the immediate passage of this Ordinance is 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:

Mayor Terry C. Hartwick

SPONSOR:

Maurice Taylor
Council Member Maurice Taylor *by AT*

ATTEST:

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Amy Beckman Fields
Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/kt

FILED	<u>11:00</u>	A.M.	__	P.M.
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DATE	<u>9-19-23</u>			
Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector North Little Rock, Arkansas				
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Argenta Entertainment District



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