## ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING SECTION 14.107.D.2 OF THE SIGN ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 7697) TO REPLACE A SIGN LOCATED ON CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AT 4320 MCCAIN BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, application was duly made by Jasper Burton, Jr. of Cuerden Sign Co., 1330 McKay Avenue, Conway, Arkansas 72034, seeking a waiver of Section 14.107.D.2 of Ordinance No. 7697 to replace a sign located on certain real property at 4320 McCain Boulevard with one increased in height (see letter from Mr. Burton attached hereto as Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, the request has not been reviewed by the Planning Commission, and the applicant is seeking approval from the North Little Rock City Council; and

WHEREAS, a sign has been placed on the property and a legal advertisement of notice of a public hearing to be held May 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. has been placed in the newspaper.

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

SECTION 1: That the following provision of Section 14.107 of Ordinance No. 7697 ("the Sign Ordinance") is hereby waived for 4320 McCain Boulevard, more particularly described as Lot 1 of the Chick-Fil-A Commercial Addition to the City of North Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas (see maps attached hereto as Exhibit B):

**NOTE:** The waived portion of the provision is in **bold** and *italicized*.

## Section 14.107 - East McCain Sign Overlay District

- D. Design Standards for All Signs
  - 2. All permitted ground mounted signs shall have a maximum height limit of 6-feet and shall have a setback of 5-feet from any property line, measured from the closest edge of the sign. Ground mounted signs shall not exceed 2-square feet in sign area for each linear foot of main street frontage up to a maximum of 64-square feet. Signs shall not be placed in a sight triangle.

SECTION 2: That the proposed sign, as shown on Exhibit C attached hereto, is hereby permitted on the herein described property located at 4320 McCain Boulevard.

SECTION 3: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.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: It is hereby found and determined that the herein-described sign will not detract from the aesthetic appearance of the neighborhood or interfere with other development in the area, and that the immediate passage of this Ordinance is necessary in order to insure the proper and orderly growth and development of this land and the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas, 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:	APPROVE	D:
	Mayor Terr	y C. Hartwick
SPONSOR:	ATTEST:	
Council Member Debi Ross 2	Diane Whit	bey, City Clerk
APPROVED AS TO FORM:  Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney		FILED 10:40 A.MP.M.  By City Atty Ang Fizlds  DATE 10-7-24
PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORN	EY/kt	Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector North Little Rock Arkansas RECEIVED BY A. Thoma



EXHIBIT A

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March 21, 2024

Mayor Terry Hartwick Members of the North Little Rock City Council City Hall, 300 Main St. North Little Rock AR 72119-5757

Dear Mayor Hartwick and Esteemed Members of the North Little Rock City Council,

I write to you today with a request that embodies not just the aspirations of a corporation, but the heartbeat of our community—Chick-fil-A's proposal for a monument sign at 4320 E McCain Blvd.

As we stand at the threshold of progress, it's essential to recognize the significance of the past. The existing sign, a testament to our shared history, was erected long before the establishment of the design overlay district on East McCain Blvd. While the district now stipulates a 6-foot maximum height for monument signs, the sign in question stands at a modest 10 feet, a mere 4 feet above the current regulation.

However, let us delve deeper into the nuances of this variance request. The proposed sign's placement sits approximately 30 inches below street grade. Therefore, in practical terms, the deviation sought amounts to a negligible 18 inches from the established height parameters. Furthermore, the current sign is 2' shorter than the existing sign, so this variance will allow Chick-fil-A to improve the site by reducing the total height of the current monument sign.

Chick-fil-A, a beacon of corporate citizenship, has continually demonstrated its unwavering commitment to our community's welfare. Through philanthropy, outreach, and an unyielding dedication to service, they have woven themselves into the very fabric of North Little Rock. Their proposed sign stands not as a mere marker but as a symbol—a symbol of continuity, of progress, and of shared values.

Furthermore, it is heartening to note that esteemed Council Member Debi Ross has graciously offered her sponsorship for this variance request—a testament to the unity and collaboration that defines our governance.



Granting this variance is more than an act of regulatory leniency; it is an affirmation of our collective vision for a vibrant and thriving community. It is a recognition of the symbiotic relationship between local businesses and the regulatory bodies tasked with shaping our urban landscape.

The proposed sign, with its modest deviation from the norm, promises to elevate our streetscape while ensuring Chick-fil-A's continued visibility and accessibility to our residents. It represents not just a corporate identity but a shared narrative—a narrative of growth, of resilience, and of unwavering optimism.

In conclusion, I implore you, esteemed members of the City Council, to consider this request not just in the context of regulations and ordinances but in the broader context of community welfare and prosperity. Let us embrace this opportunity to foster an environment where businesses thrive, residents flourish, and the spirit of collaboration reigns supreme.

Thank you for your time, your consideration, and your unwavering dedication to the betterment of our beloved North Little Rock.

Warm regards,

Jasper S. Burton Jr.

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President

EXHIBIT B

## Public Hearing Case # 2024-09





Ortho Map

1 inch = 40 feet







