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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE DEFINING "SAFETY CONSULTANT FOR NORTH LITTLE ROCK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT" TO BE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE UNDER ARKANSAS LAW; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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, staffing, 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 that selection is based upon analysis of professional qualifications rather than bidding; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Little Rock (the "City") is considering contracting with a safety consultant for the North Little Rock Electric Department 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 Safety Consultant for the North Little Rock Electric Department is hereby defined to be a professional service under Ark. Code Ann. § 19-11-801, et seq. The safety consultant will provide services including, but not limited to:

- Evaluation of existing safety rules, practices, and compliance;
- Recommendations for improvements;
- Development or revision of safety policies;
- Training;
- Follow-up assessment of safety performance and policy compliance, with recommendations as needed; and
- Ongoing support and implementation assistance.

SECTION 2: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.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 passage of this Ordinance is necessary in order to ensure prompt action in the evaluation and assessment of NLRED's safety policies, practices, and compliance, and to implement any necessary changes and training; 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:

Mayor Terry C. Hartwick

SPONSOR:

Terry C. Hartwick

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ATTEST:

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/ABF

FILED 10:23 A.M. _____ P.M.

BY A. Fields

DATE 9-2-25

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

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