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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. O-03-168; PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURES FOR MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES TO FILE NOMINATING PETITIONS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated §14-42-206, the City of Conway has opted to have non-partisan municipal elections and adopted Ordinance No. O-03-168 to implement the requirements of A.C.A. § 14-42-206; and

WHEREAS, Act 1049 of 2007 has amended Arkansas Code Annotated §14-42-206, which authorizes the governing body of cities of the first class to require candidates for municipal office to file petitions for nomination with the county clerk no earlier than twenty (20) days prior to the preferential primary election and no later than noon on the day before the preferential primary election, even if the municipal offices are all independent or otherwise nonpartisan;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Conway seeks to amend and supplement Ordinance

No. O-03-168 to reflect those amendments to A.C.A. § 14-42-206.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS:

**Section 1.** Pursuant to A.C.A. § 14-42-206(d)(1)(A), independent candidates for municipal office shall file petitions for nomination as independent candidates with the county clerk (a) no earlier than twenty (20) days prior to the preferential primary election, and (b) no later than 12:00 noon on the day before the preferential primary election.

**Section 2.** This filing deadline for municipal offices shall be in effect even if the municipal offices are all independent or otherwise nonpartisan.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be published at least one (1) time a week for two (2) consecutive weeks immediately following adoption of the ordinance in a newspaper having a general circulation in the city.

Section 4. That this ordinance is in addition and supplemental to Ordinance No. O-03-168.

**Section 5.** That A.C.A. §14-42-206(d)(2)(A) requires that ordinances of this type be enacted no later than ninety (90) days prior to the filing deadline; that further, A.C.A. §14-42-206(d)(2)(B) requires that such ordinances shall be published immediately following adoption of the ordinance; therefore, it being in the public interest to have this ordinance published immediately, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this ordinance shall go into effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2008.

**APPROVED:** 

**Mayor Tab Townsell** 

ATTEST:

Michael O. Garrett City Clerk/Treasurer