AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORD. NO. O-03-109 PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURES FOR MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES TO FILE NOMINATING PETITIONS; REPEALING ANY ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; DECLARE AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Whereas, The City of Conway has opted pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated §14-42-206 to have non-partisan municipal elections.

Whereas, Act 1104 of 2003, codified as Arkansas Code Annotated §14-42-206(e)(1)(B), authorizes the governing body of cities of the first class to require independent candidates for municipal office to file petitions for nomination as independent candidates 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, to be in line and consistent with other election petition periods, the City of Conway wishes to modify the petition period non-partisan municipal positions from twenty (20) days to seven (7) days prior to the preferential primary election.

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

ARKANSAS, THAT:

Section 1. Relevant parts of O-03-109 shall be amended as follows:

Section 1. Independent candidates for municipal office for the City of Conway shall file petitions for nomination as independent candidates with the county clerk no earlier than twenty (20) seven (7) days prior to the preferential primary election and no later than noon on the day before the preferential primary election, as authorized by A.C.A. §14-42-206(e)(1)(B).

Section 2. This ordinance shall be published at least once per week for two consecutive weeks immediately following adoption of the ordinance in a newspaper having a general circulation in the City of Conway.

Section 3. All petitions for nomination for municipal office shall otherwise comply with the requirements set out in A.C.A. §14-42-206 and any other applicable state law.

Section 4. That any ordinance in conflict herewith is hereby repealed to the extent of that conflict.
Section 5. That A.C.A. §14-42-206(e)(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. §14-42-506(e)(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 12th day of December, 2019.

Approved:

[Signature]
Mayor Bart Castleberry

Attest:

[Signature]
Michael O. Garrett
City Clerk/Treasurer
CERTIFICATE

STATE OF ARKANSAS
COUNTY OF FAULKNER
CITY OF CONWAY

I, Michael Garrett, the duly elected, qualified, and acting: Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Conway, Arkansas, do hereby certify that the attached and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance presented to the City Council of the City of Conway, Arkansas, at a meeting of that body held on the 12th day of November, 2019 same is duly recorded in the minutes of meeting of said Council.

Witness, my hand, and seal of the City of Conway, Arkansas this 19th day of November, 2019.

[Signature]
CITY CLERK-TREASURER

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