

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

**AN ORDINANCE WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF LICENSE PLATE READER CAMERAS FROM SKYCOP INC., A SOLE SOURCE VENDOR; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, Ark. Code Ann. § 14-58-303 requires City purchases exceeding the amount of \$20,000 to follow statutory procedures of local advertisement and opening of sealed bids which may only be waived in exceptional situations where bidding is deemed not feasible or practical; and

WHEREAS, license plate reader (“LPR”) cameras are cameras mounted on poles that capture the numbers and letters of license plates on still or moving vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the North Little Rock Police Department (“NLRPD”) currently uses LPR cameras in order to aid in their duties as officers of the law; and

WHEREAS, all LPR camera vendors require use of their specific cameras in order to be compatible with their system; and

WHEREAS, the NLRPD uses the City of Little Rock’s LPR Server; and

WHEREAS, the Little Rock Police Department (“LRPD”) issued a request for proposal, and selected SkyCop Inc., as their LPR camera vendor; and

WHEREAS, SkyCop Inc., is the sole source vendor for compatible LPR cameras; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously authorized the waiver of formal bidding requirements for the purchase of LPR cameras from SkyCop Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the NLRPD is requesting to purchase seven (7) additional cameras from SkyCop Inc. at a price of Eight Thousand One Hundred Fifteen & 15/100 Dollars (\$8,115.15) each, plus tax, in order to be compatible with the LRPD’s LPR server.

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

SECTION 1: That formal bidding is hereby waived in connection with the purchase of LPR cameras from SkyCop Inc. for a total amount of Sixty-Two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Five & 58/100 Dollars (\$62,195.58).

SECTION 2: That the cost of the cameras is included in and shall be paid from the 2020 I.T. Department Budget.

SECTION 3: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.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: That it is hereby found and determined that it is in the best interest of the City of North Little Rock to purchase said LPR cameras from SkyCop Inc., and 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:

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Mayor Joe A. Smith

SPONSOR:

ATTEST:

*Joe A. Smith*  
Mayor Joe A. Smith *by CF*

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Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Amy Beckman Fields*  
Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney *by CF*

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/cf

FILED <i>11:05</i> A.M. _____ P.M.
By <i>Asst city Atty Marie Miller</i>
DATE <i>2-4-2020</i>
<b>Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector North Little Rock, Arkansas</b>
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