

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

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1.1.4 AND CITY PARKS MAP ATTACHMENTS OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 10 (PARKS AND RECREATION) TO INCLUDE THE ADDITION OF LAMAN PLAZA; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas (the "City") owns certain real property located at the intersection of Pershing and Orange Streets in North Little Rock, and is now generally known as the Laman Plaza, adjacent to Laman Library; and

WHEREAS, Laman Library has maintained Laman Plaza for many years and has requested that the City resume maintenance of the Plaza; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's jurisdiction is comprehensively defined through Ordinance No. 8420 (NLRMC Chapter 10 – Parks and Recreation) adopted on March 12, 2012, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City desires for the Commission to exercise jurisdiction over Laman Plaza, but to preserve future development rights as the City may deem appropriate.

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

SECTION 1: That Section 1.1.4 (Jurisdiction) of the North Little Rock Municipal Code Chapter 10 (Parks and Recreation) is hereby amended to *add* Laman Plaza as Attachment (MM), consisting of approximately 1.78 acres (see map attached hereto as Exhibit "A").

SECTION 2: That the jurisdiction granted under this section shall not constitute a park dedication for purposes of Ark. Code Ann. 22-4-501, et seq., or any other purpose. The grant of any outdoor recreational easements prohibiting or hindering the future development of Laman Plaza is prohibited.

SECTION 3: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.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 not severable, and if any section, phrase or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall void the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions.

SECTION 5: It is hereby found and determined that the addition of Laman Plaza into the North Little Rock Parks and Recreation System will enhance the area in the vicinity of Laman Library and the North Little Rock Community Center and provide additional recreational facilities

for citizens and residents of the City, and the passage of this Ordinance is necessary in order to insure the proper and orderly growth of this land and of 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:

APPROVED:


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Mayor Joe A. Smith

SPONSOR:


ATTEST:

  
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Mayor Joe A. Smith *by AF*

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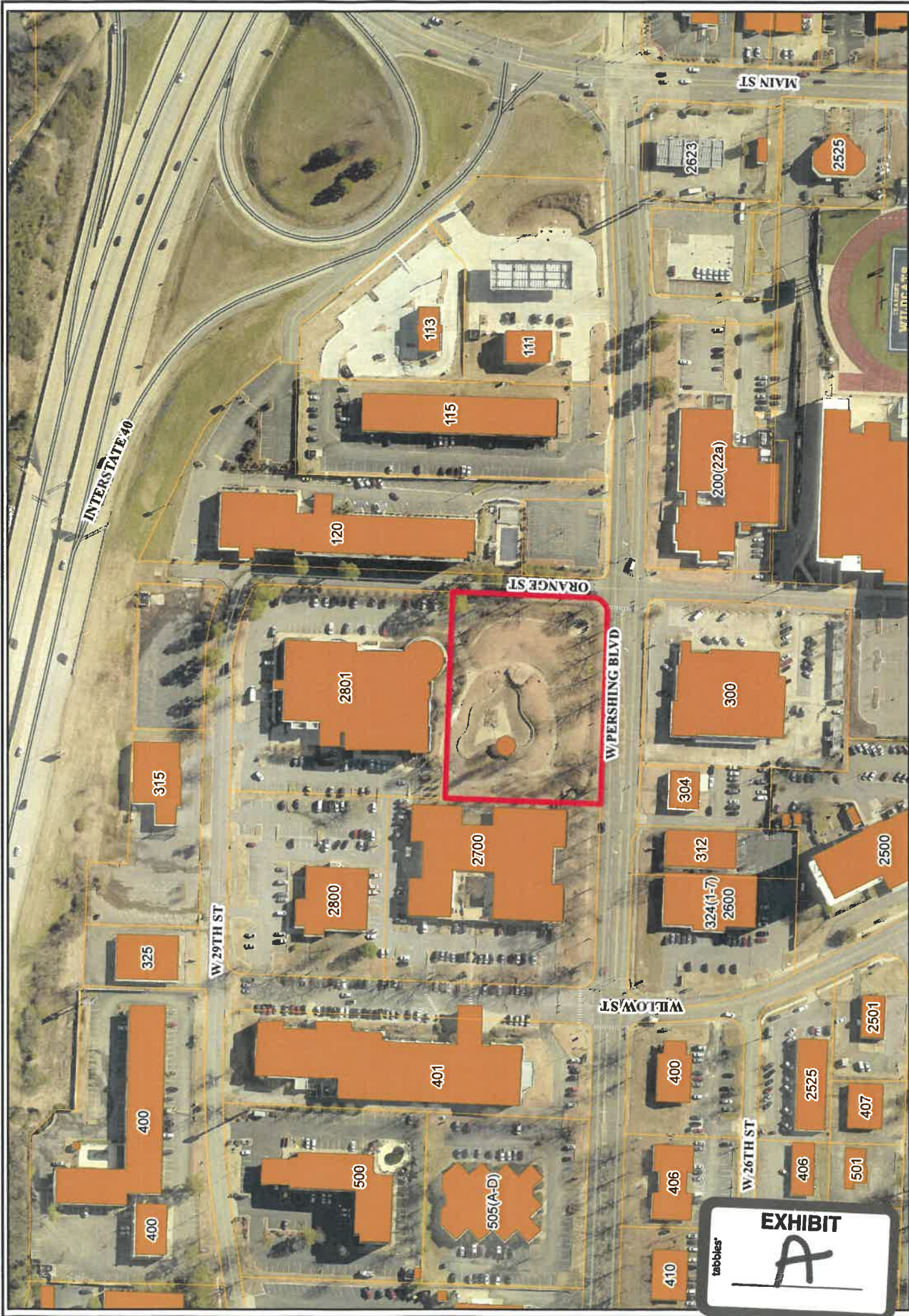
Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/ABF

FILED <u>10:50</u> A.M. _____ P.M.
By <u>A. Fields</u>
DATE <u>4-7-2020</u>
<b>Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector</b> <b>North Little Rock, Arkansas</b>
RECEIVED BY <u>S. Hossery</u>



400 Feet

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This map is not intended to be accurate

Date: 3/16/2020

EXHIBIT  
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# Laman Plaza

