CITY OF WARD ORDINANCE NO. O-2023-27

AN ORDINANCE; CLARIFYING THE DUTIES OF PLANNING COMMISSION; ESTABLISHING THE SALARY FOR PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS FOR THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED (A.C.A.) 14-42-113 requires that the salary of the Mayor, City Clerk and other city officials be set by the governing body and that same must be set by ordinance¹; and,

WHEREAS, W-1-93 created the Planning Commission in 1993.

WHEREAS, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS, deems it appropriate to set a monthly payment for Ward Planning Commission members.

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

SECTION 1: That A.C.A. § 14-56-412 establishes the general powers and duties of the Planning Commission².

SECTION 2 – SALARY: That the Planning Commission shall receive a monthly salary as noted below:

- \$100.00 per month for six (6) members of the seven (7) person commission
- \$150.00 per month for Chairperson

SECTION 3 – ATTENDANCE AND PAYMENT: Planning Commission members must attend at least one regularly scheduled monthly meeting³ to receive payment. Payments are distributed one month in arears. If a regularly scheduled meeting is cancelled by the city, Commission Members will be paid as if attending.

SECTION 4 – SEVERABILITY: If, for any reason, any portion or portions of this ordinance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall in no way affect the remaining portions.

SECTION 5 – EMERGENCY DECLARED: That the Ward City Council has determined that an emergency exists to enact this change. As such, this Ordinance is hereby effective on January 1, 2024.

¹ A.C.A. 14-43-409

² The Ward Planning Commission is considered a part-time position

³ No payments will be made for Special Meetings

SAID ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 18, 2023.	
Brooke, Chapman, Hall	, Hefner, McMinn, Ruble
YEAS: NAYS:	Mayor (if needed)
APPROVED:	ATTEST:
Charles Gastineau Mayor	Krystal Rummel, City Clerk