ORDINANCE NO. 19-818

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, ARKANSAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

The City Council of the City of Clarksville Does Ordain as Follows:

SECTION 1.

ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD

There is hereby created and established a board consisting of seven members, to be known as the Clarksville Small Business Advisory Board.

SECTION 2.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

The members of said Clarksville Small Business Advisory Board shall be appointed by the Mayor and approved by a majority vote of the City Council.

SECTION 4.

TERMS

The terms of the members first appointed shall be determined by lot at the first meeting of the Board with two members serving one (1) year; two (2) members serving two (2) years; three (3) members serving three (3) years; All vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired terms of the member whose office is vacant in the same manner as such member received the original appointment.

SECTION 5.

ORGANIZATION OF BOARD

Immediately after appointment and qualification, or until their successors qualify, the Board shall organize by electing a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and a Secretary who shall serve for one (1) year.

SECTION 6.

MEETINGS

Regular meetings shall be held at least once a month at a regular date and time to be fixed by the members, and special meetings may be held upon the call of the chairman. Any four (4) members of the Board may call a meeting after giving three (3) or more hours notice of such meeting with the City Administration Office in conformance with the Freedom of Information Act. Minutes of the Board shall be filed with the City Clerk.

SECTION 7.

QUORUM

Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a lessor number may assemble from time to time.

LAPSE OF MEMBERSHIP

After a member of the Board fails to attend three (3) consecutive regular meetings, unless excused by the Mayor, his/her membership shall automatically terminate, and his/her successor shall be appointed in the same manner as his predecessor. A member of the Board may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the City Council.

SECTION 9.

POWERS AND DUTY

The Board shall have the following powers and duties:

- 1. Guide efforts of the City Council in the development of a Business Enhancement Program.
- 2. Advise the Building/Code Department on issues that affect small businesses.
- 3. Help develop or amend existing code that will enhance small business success while maintaining strict compliance with all state or federal building and safety codes.
- 4. Develop and present practices that will foster and improve the business climate with particular emphasis on small business within our city.
- 5. Provide a platform to create dialogue between small businesses and the City Council to create an environment of growth and opportunity for small businesses.
- 6. Develop recommendations for revitalization of distressed business districts and retention and expansion of existing businesses.

SECTION 10. Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Adopted this 10th day of June, 2019

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

David Rieder, Mayor

Barbara Blackard, City Clerk/Treasurer