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**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06-\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VACATING OF A PORTION OF AN ALLEY IN BLOCK 12 OF GOOCH'S ADDITION TO ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Arkansas City Planning Commission, after providing notice and holding a hearing pursuant to K.S.A. § 12-504, has considered the proposed vacation of the public right-of-way at issue, and recommended the City approve the petition to vacate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission and the Technical Advisory Committee determined that a utility easement would be necessary to maintain access to utilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, after due investigation and consideration has determined that the nature and extent of the public use and interest to be subserved is such as to warrant the vacating of the public right-of-way at issue.

**NOW THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE AFORESTATED PREMISES, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS:**

**SECTION ONE:** The property legally described as:

A 16-foot alley adjacent to Lots 9-14 & 23-28, Block 12, Gooch's Addition to Arkansas City, Kansas

**IS HEREBY VACATED** but the City specifically reserves a utility easement over the above-described area for accessing existing and/or future utilities.

**SECTION TWO:** The City Clerk shall make proper notification of this Ordinance which shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after either (a) publication once in the official newspaper of the City, or (b) publication of a summary of this Ordinance certified as legally accurate and sufficient by the City Attorney unless one or more interested parties files a written protest before the expiration of such time with the office of City Clerk. If such written protest is filed, the Governing Body of the City is required to convene a Public Hearing to consider any and all objections to the proposed Ordinance and, upon conclusion of the Hearing, is required to either confirm the vacating Ordinance and file the same with the County Clerk and Register of Deeds office or if not confirmed, the vacating Ordinance shall be void and have no force and effect.

**SECTION THREE:** A certified copy of this ordinance signed by the City Clerk for the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, shall be recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds, Cowley County, Kansas.

**PASSED AND ORDAINED** by the Governing Body of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas this 2nd day of June 2026.

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Tad Stover, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tiffany Parsons, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Larry Schwartz, City Attorney

**CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 2026-06-\_\_\_\_\_ of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, adopted by the governing body on June 2, 2026 as the same appears of record in my office.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_.

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Tiffany Parsons, City Clerk