

ORDINANCE NO. 07 -25

**AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
ALDERMEN TO BE INTERESTED IN CONTRACTS WITH THE CITY
OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS.**

WHEREAS, Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-42-107 prohibits a council member from having a direct or indirect interest in the profits of any contract with the City unless an ordinance is passed specifically permitting the official to do so and prescribing the extent of the authority; and

WHEREAS, Camden Ordinance 11-83, codified at Camden Code Section 2-57, requires that any contract between the City and an alderman be awarded only after publicly soliciting sealed competitive bids and securing the approval of the Board of Aldermen; and

WHEREAS, Willie Cooper is a member of the Camden Board of Aldermen; and

WHEREAS, the elective term for Willie Cooper will expire December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Willie Cooper is a principal with Cooper & Son Construction, located at 544 Louisiana, Camden, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Cooper & Son Construction could provide services to the City of Camden; and

WHEREAS, the City desires that Willie Cooper, through his company, be allowed to provide services to the City of Camden as the need arises and in accordance with the City's ordinance relative to purchases and contracts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, THAT:**

SECTION 1. The City Council, the official governing body of the City of Camden, Arkansas, specifically authorizes the City to enter into contract with Cooper & Son Construction, located at 544 Louisiana, Camden, Arkansas, on an as needed basis until December 31, 2026, in accordance with the City's ordinance relative to purchases and contracts, without the necessity of prior approval of the Board of Aldermen.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall not be construed to require the City of Camden to solely use the services of the above-mentioned company, but to provide authorization pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-42-107 for Willie Cooper, a member of the Board of Alderman, to be interested in an ongoing contractual relationship with the City of Camden in furnishing his services as the need arises under the guidelines of the City's ordinance relative to purchases and contracts.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

Mayor

City Clerk