

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT AND DISTRIBUTE SEX OFFENDER RELATED FEES; FOR DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, out of state sex offenders who move to Texarkana, Arkansas, must register with the Texarkana, Arkansas Police Department (TAPD); and

WHEREAS, upon registration with TAPD, Sex Offenders are required under Arkansas Code Annotated § 12-12-910 to remit a \$250.00 mandatory fee that will be sent to the Office of Administrative Services of the Department of Finance and Administration for deposit into the Sex and Child Offenders Registration Fund as established by Arkansas Code Annotated § 12-12-911; and

WHEREAS, at the time of registration with TAPD, they are also required under Arkansas Code Annotated § 12-12-906 to provide a deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) sample, blood or saliva sample (if a sample is not already accessible to the State Crime Laboratory) and they are to remit a \$250.00 mandatory fee that will be sent to the DNA Detection Fund established by Arkansas Code Annotated § 12-12-1119; and

WHEREAS, both fees shall be payable upon registration to the Texarkana, Arkansas Police Department and paid to the TAPD front desk administrative assistant, then the payments will be submitted to the Finance Department to distribute the fees to the appropriate state agency and/or fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Directors of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas:

Section 1: Out of state sex offenders shall remit to the front desk administrative assistant a \$250.00 mandatory fee upon registration with the Texarkana, Arkansas Police Department, then the payments will be submitted to the Finance Department to distribute

the fee to the Office of Administrative Services of the Department of Finance and Administration for deposit into the Sex and Child Offenders Registration Fund as established by Arkansas Code Annotated § 12-12-911.

Section 2: Out of state sex offenders shall provide a deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) sample, blood or saliva sample (if a sample is not already accessible to the State Crime Laboratory) and remit to the front desk administrative assistant a \$250.00 mandatory fee upon registration with the Texarkana, Arkansas Police Department then the payments will be submitted to the Finance Department to distribute the fee shall be forwarded to the DNA Detection Fund established by Arkansas Code Annotated § 12-12-1119.

Section 3: This action being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety (including the need to commence prompt collection procedures for sex offender fee), and a separate and distinct vote having been taken on this emergency clause, an emergency is therefore declared to exist, and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of July 2025.

Allen L. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heather Soyars, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Joshua L. Potter, City Attorney