

**LAKE HAMILTON FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (LHF&R)
ANNEXATION POLICY RESOLUTION**

THE LHF&R BOARD OF DIRECTORS OBJECT TO THE INVOLUNTARY OR FORCED ANNEXATION OF ENCLAVE “B” BY THE CITY OF HOT SPRINGS:

WHEREAS, we respect the right of property owners to seek annexation, either voluntary or by ballot: and,

WHEREAS, we respect Arkansas State Law allowing the City of Hot Springs to annex by ordinance small surrounding enclaves where service or public safety issues are consistently arising: and,

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Hot Springs were not afforded the right to vote on annexing Enclave “B”, where these new residents will have the effect of diluting services provided by the City of Hot Springs to its current residents: and,

WHEREAS, Enclave “A” annexed by ordinance effective January 1, 2016 is a LHF&R revenue loss of \$45,000 per year (9% of membership dues income): and,

WHEREAS, the potential annexation of Enclave “B” is being legally challenged in the courts and the uncertainty has continued for over a year: and,

WHEREAS, Enclave “B” annexation represents a further LHF&R revenue loss of \$78,000 per year (15% of membership dues income): and,

WHEREAS, LHF&R continues to proudly provide fire protection and rescue services to Enclave “B” residents where fire protection and rescue service issues have not arisen: and,

WHEREAS, LHF&R is the only Fire Department providing fire protection services by Fire Boats on Lake Hamilton and Lake Catherine solely funded by our territorial membership who owns a small minority of total lakefront property: and

WHEREAS, the loss of this significant revenue will impair our ability to fight fires on the lakes of which Enclave “B” has a large percentage of lakefront property: and,

WHEREAS, the LHF&R Board of Directors reject any actions that would force residents of unincorporated areas to become residents of the City of Hot Springs, Arkansas, without their permission, consent or opportunity to vote on the issue: and,

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Lake Hamilton Fire Protection Association Board of Directors hereby respectfully demands that the City of Hot Springs Board of Directors repeal their ordinance to annex Enclave “B” or give all affected residents the opportunity to vote on said issue.

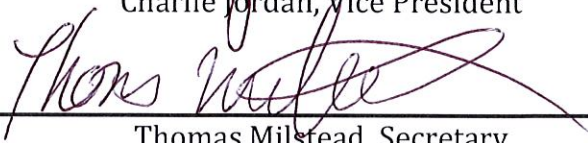
ADOPTED BY THE LAKE HAMILTON FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS THIS 8TH DAY OF AUGUST 2017



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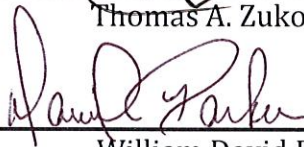
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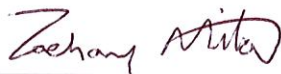
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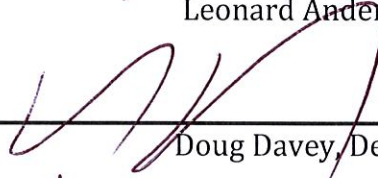
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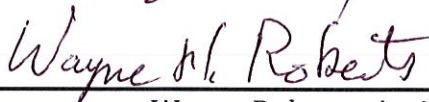
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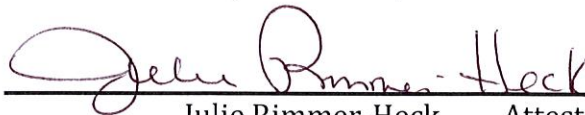
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