ORDINANCE NO. 2025-4

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT OR MATERIALS NOT TO EXCEED \$42,500 WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING; AMENDING SECTIONS 3.04.01 AND 3.04.02 OF THE MOUNTAIN HOME, ARKANSAS, MUNICIPAL CODE; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1998-01 AND ORDINANCE NO. 2009-4

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to allow for an efficient purchasing procedure and to allow the City to act promptly on the acquisition of goods and materials for the City; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas Code Annotated 14-58-303 sets the current statutory pre-bid purchasing threshold for cities of the first class at \$42,921 and allows first-class cities to adopt a lower threshold amount if they so desire; and

WHEREAS, the Mountain Home City Council did originally adopt a unified City Code on September 21, 1954, and said Code has been updated numerous times since that initial adoption; and

WHEREAS, purchases for the City of Mountain Home are addressed under Chapter 3.04 of the Mountain Home City Code;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN HOME, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. Amending Chapter 3.04 of the Mountain Home City Code

That the Mountain Home City Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 3.04.01: \$42,500 or under

The Mayor, or their duly authorized representative, shall have exclusive power and responsibility to make purchase of all supplies, apparatus, equipment, materials and other things requisite for public purposes for the City of Mountain Home, Arkansas, and to make all necessary contracts for work or labor to be done, or materials or other necessary things to be furnished for the benefit of the City where the amount of the expenditure for

any purpose or contract does not exceed the sum of Forty-Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$42,500.00)

Section 3.04.02: Over \$42,500

Where the amount of expenditure for any purpose or contract exceeds the sum of Forty-Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$42,500.00), the Mayor, or their duly authorized representative, shall invite competitive bids thereon by legal advertisement in any local newspaper. Bids received pursuant to said advertisement shall be opened and read on the date set for receiving said bids, in the presence of the Mayor, or their duly authorized representative. The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder; provided, however, that the Mayor, or their duly authorized representative, may reject any and all bids received.

Section 2. Repealing conflicting Ordinances

That Ordinance No. 1998-01 and Ordinance No. 2009-4 are hereby repealed in their entirety. Any other Ordinances found to conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Emergency clause

An efficient purchasing procedure that allows the City to act promptly on the acquisition of goods and services is vital to the ongoing health, safety and wellness of its citizens. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the date of its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.

HILLREY ADAMS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

SCOTT LILES, CITY CLERK