## **PROPOSED ORDINANCE 22-38**

## ELECTION FOR LIBERTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT DUES ON EACH RESIDENCE AND BUSINESS

Sponsored by Courts & Public Safety Committee

An Ordinance providing for the election, at the next General Election, for those voting within the geographical boundaries (more specifically described as area ESN 334 attached as exhibit "A") within Faulkner County, Arkansas; and prescribing other matters pertaining thereto.

WHEREAS, The Quorum Court of Faulkner County, Arkansas (the "County"), has received a request from Liberty Volunteer Fire Department for the levy of volunteer fire department dues; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 1480 of 2009 the Quorum Court by ordinance shall call for an election on the issue of the levy of the volunteer fire department dues on each residence and on each business having an ocupiable structure.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Quorum Court of Faulkner County, Arkansas;

- Section 1. The Faulkner County Quorum Court, pursuant to Act 1480 of 2009, calls for an election, at the next general election, for those voting within the geographical boundaries (more specifically described as area ESN 334 attached as Exhibit "A") for which Liberty VFD is responsible on the issue of the levying of Volunteer Fire Department dues on each residence and each business having an occupiable structure.
- Section 2. Any cost incurred shall be borne by the Liberty VFD.
- Section 3. The dues levied by the Liberty VFD shall be collected annually in the respective amounts of up to \$100.00 per residences, \$150.00 per unit in multiple residences, \$200.00 per hazardous business, and \$20.00-\$50.00 for open lots and land, however, this amount may be amended as permitted by the policies, rules, and/or regulations set by the Liberty VFD and all applicable Local and State laws or regulations.
- Section 4. The dues levied by the Liberty VFD and listed on the annual real property tax statements, if approved by the voters, shall be collected by the Faulkner County Collector and remitted to the Liberty VFD or appropriate entity by the Faulkner County Treasurer.
- Section 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. An emergency is hereby declared to exist as this Ordinance is necessary for the proper and timely conduct of County operations and this Ordinance shall be in force and take effect upon passage and publication.

| Section 6.                            | That all ordinances and parts the of such conflict.      | nereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent |
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| Approved by t                         | the Quorum Court on August 16                            | 5, 2022   |
| Attest:                               |  | Affirm:   |
| Margaret Darter Faulkner County Clerk |  | James Baker   |
|                                       |  | Faulkner County Judge   |
| Faulk                                 | ner County, Arkansas                                     | Faulkner County, Arkansas                                     |
| <b>Dated: August 16, 2022</b>         |  | <b>Dated: August 16, 2022</b>                                 |
|                                       | n was paid for by<br>y - Quorum Court<br>n the amount of |   |