

ORDINANCE 2024-001

AN ORDINANCE FOR APPOINTING A CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD, ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, Section 14-42-112 of the Arkansas Code of 2020 Annotated, provides that cities of the 2nd class may by ordinance establish that the office of City Attorney will be appointed; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City of Diamondhead that the office of City Attorney be an appointed office;

NOW BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD, ARKANSAS THAT:

SECTION 1. The qualifications, election, and term of the office of City Attorney shall be as provided by state law, and effective immediately, the office of the City Attorney of the City of Diamondhead, Arkansas, shall be an appointed office. The City Attorney shall be permitted to engage in private practice of law during his/her term of office.

SECTION 2. The appointment of the City Attorney shall be made by the Mayor with a majority vote of the members of the City Council. Said appointment will begin upon date of approved vote through the remainder of December 2024 and then on an annual basis starting in 2025, running January 1 through December 31.

SECTION 3. The person so appointed shall have all the duties prescribed by Arkansas law and such other duties as may be prescribed by proper Ordinance of the City Council.

SECTION 4. The City Council recognizes the need for representation and advice regarding legal matters for the City of Diamondhead, Arkansas, and finds that the appointment of a City Attorney will best ensure the city a manner in which to provide for continuous and competent representation. The City Council finds that this ordinance is required to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and government of the City of Diamondhead, Arkansas. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after it's passage and posting, as required by law.

SECTION 5. Emergency Clause


The Council finds that this ordinance for appointing a City Attorney must immediately be in effect. The City of Diamondhead was incorporated this year with a City Council, Recorder/Treasurer and Mayor being elected in the November 5 general election and the City Council being sworn in on this date. In order to conduct City business, ensure

state laws are followed and the people's business conducted, the counsel of the City Attorney is immediately necessary.

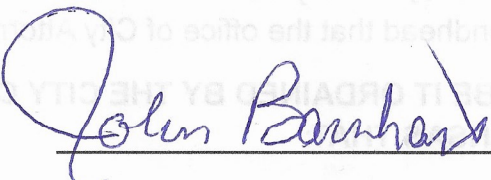
PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF DIAMONDHEAD, ARKANSAS ON THIS DATE OF DECEMBER 3, 2024.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Ralph Carruth, Mayor



John Barnhart, Recorder/Treasurer