## ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 21 (TABLE OF PERMITTED USES) OF ORDINANCE 7697 (THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK ZONING ORDINANCE) TO REMOVE PAWN SHOPS AS A PERMITTED USE IN C-4 AND C-5 AND AS A CONDITIONAL USE IN C-3 ZONES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of North Little Rock ("City") duly adopted Ordinance No. 7697 (the "Zoning Ordinance" to regulate zoning in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 14-56-416 and has amended the same from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Ordinance currently allows Pawn Shops as a permitted use in C-4 and C-5 zoning categories and by conditional use in the C-3 zoning category; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City and its residents that all pawn shops within the City be allowed only as a special use approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Article 21 (Table of Permitted Uses) of the Zoning Ordinance should be amended to remove pawn shops as a permitted use in C-4 and C-5 and as a conditional use in C-3 zones.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That Article Twenty-One (Table of Permitted Uses) of the Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to change the designation of "Pawn Shops" and its permitted zones as follows:

Pawn Shops – Delete the permitted use symbol (X) under C-4 and C-5; Delete the conditional use symbol (C) under C-3.

SECTION 2: That all ordinances or parts of ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 3: That the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, phrase or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions.

SECTION 4: That it is hereby found and determined that in order to maintain consistency in the process for approval of pawn shops, that conditional use of pawn shops in the C-3 zoning classification and permitted use of pawn shops in C-4 and C-5 zoning

classifications should be removed from the Permitted Use Table of the Zoning Ordinance; and the passage of this Ordinance is necessary to insure the proper, consistent, and orderly growth and development of this land and of the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas, and being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare, THEREFORE, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:	APPROVED:
	Mayor Joe A. Smith
SPONSORS:	ATTEST:
Charle Hight BAF	Diane Whitbey, City Clerk
APPROVED AS TO FORM:  Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney	

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/kh