## **ORDINANCE 2012-12**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEARCY, ARKANSAS; DELETING SECTION 10-9; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

The City Council of the City of Searcy, Arkansas, meeting in regular session, makes the following findings of fact and enacts the following provisions:

WHEREAS, the Searcy City Council adopted a procedure attempting to provide enhanced notice of certain elections concerning taxation and revenue measures to the citizens of the City of Searcy, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the costs of these notices were approximately \$5,000.00, in addition to any costs of conducting the elections; and

WHEREAS, after three (3) taxation or revenue measures having been conducted in the City of Searcy or in White County since the adoption of this ordinance, the Searcy City Council can find no significant difference in voter participation in elections in which the notice was given, compared with elections in which the notice was not given; and

WHEREAS, the Searcy City Council finds that the ordinance providing for enhanced notice of taxation elections has failed to enhance voter participation and, therefore, the additional costs of this notice are not justified.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Searcy City Council adopts the following amendment to the Code of Ordinances:

Section 1. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Searcy, Arkansas, is hereby amended by deleting Section 10-9 in its entirety and which Section 10-9 shall hereafter read as follows:

"Sec. 10-9 [Reserved]"

- Section 2. The provision of this ordinance are separable and, upon any finding that any provision of this ordinance is unenforceable, the remaining provision shall be enforceable according to their terms.
- Section 3. All ordinances, resolution or other acts of the City in conflict with the terms hereof are repealed to the extent of any such conflict.

Adopted this 14th day of February, 2012.

The City of Searcy, Arkansas

By: /s/ David Morris Mayor

## Attest:

/s/ Margaret Meads Searcy City Clerk-Treasurer

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