

ORDINANCE NO.O-09-06

AN ORDINANCE IN FAVOR OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE CITIES OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS AND CADDO VALLEY, ARKANSAS AND APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE PETITIONS SUBMITTED TO THE ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS a Petition for Consolidation of the City of Caddo Valley, Arkansas and the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas with the name of the consolidated city to be “Arkadelphia” has been circulated in the City of Caddo Valley and the City of Arkadelphia and;

WHEREAS the City Clerk of Caddo Valley has certified that the Petition circulated in Caddo Valley contains not fewer than 15% of the legal voters of Caddo Valley who voted for the Office of Mayor in the last preceding election and;

WHEREAS the City Clerk of Arkadelphia has certified that the Petition circulated in Arkadelphia contains not fewer than 15% of the legal voters of Arkadelphia who voted for the Office of Mayor in the last preceding election and;

WHEREAS the name of the consolidated city shall be Arkadelphia, Arkansas and;

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the City of Arkadelphia approves and ratifies the petitions as presented by the voters of Caddo Valley, Arkansas and the voters of Arkadelphia, Arkansas to the Arkadelphia, Arkansas Board of Directors therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA ARKANSAS.

Section I

The petitions for consolidation of the cities of Caddo Valley, Arkansas and Arkadelphia, Arkansas with the name of the consolidated city to be “Arkadelphia” are hereby approved and ratified all in accordance with ACA 14-40-120 and other statutes.

Section II

Byron Eubanks and E. Wayne Bear on behalf of the petitioners of the City of Caddo Valley, Arkansas and Ben M. Elrod and Charles Thomas Hollingshead on behalf of the petitioners of the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas are authorized to file a certified copy of this ordinance in the office of the County Clerk of Clark County, Arkansas.

Section III

On behalf of the petitioners and their authorized representatives, the Arkadelphia, Arkansas Board of Directors upon presentation of this petition to the county court by the authorized persons mentioned above ask the court to at once order and call a special election in both municipal corporations on the question of consolidation and the name of the proposed consolidated municipality with the election to be held in both cities, Caddo Valley, Arkansas and Arkadelphia, Arkansas on July 14, 2009 and if approved to be effective December 31, 2009.

Section IV

The ballots used at said election on the question of consolidation shall be as follows:

FOR consolidation of the cities of Caddo Valley, Arkansas and Arkadelphia, Arkansas to be called Arkadelphia, Arkansas, effective December 31, 2009.

AGAINST consolidation of the cities of Caddo Valley, Arkansas and Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

Section V

Because these petitions are presented by citizens of the respective cities and the maintenance of services is necessary for the public peace, health, safety and welfare, an emergency is declared to exist. Therefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of passage.

Passed this 19th day of May, 2009.

Mayor Charles T. Hollingshead

ATTEST:

Rendi Currey, City Clerk