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**TO: Mayor Jordan**  
**City Council**

**CC: Kara Paxon, City Clerk/Treasurer**  
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**FROM: Kit Williams, City Attorney**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kit Williams", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

**DATE: September 20, 2022**

**RE: Council Member Sloan Scroggin's Proposed Amendment to Resolution Renaming Archibald Yell**

Council Member Sloan Scroggin wants to authorize Mayor Jordan to reimburse businesses and residents addressed on Archibald Yell Boulevard for reasonable expenses necessitated by the change of the name of this street. Accordingly, I drafted and Council Member Scroggin has approved a draft amendment to the current Resolution.

Council Member Scroggin is likely to propose this amendment to the Resolution tonight. The amendment adds a new Whereas clause after the current other three Whereas clauses. It also adds Section 2 to the Resolution. All else remains unchanged.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION TO RENAME ARCHIBALD YELL BOULEVARD TO NELSON HACKETT BOULEVARD**

**WHEREAS**, the Black Heritage Preservation Commission has requested that the City Council rename Archibald Yell Boulevard to Nelson Hackett Boulevard to honor Mr. Hackett who as an enslaved person in Fayetteville in 1841 took a horse with saddle, a gold watch and beaver coat and fled to Canada, but was apprehended there on a charge of theft; and

**WHEREAS**, abolitionists struggled to prevent Nelson Hackett's extradition to Fayetteville, but failed, and Mr. Hackett was returned to slavery in 1842, publicly whipped and sold to Texas slavers; and

**WHEREAS**, Nelson Hackett's sad case caused the British Government to ensure such extraditions of enslaved person would not happen again in their Canadian territories; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fayetteville City Council wishes to reimburse any necessary additional expenses that renaming Archibald Yell Boulevard would cost existing businesses or residences currently addressed on Archibald Yell Boulevard.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:**

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby renames Archibald Yell Boulevard to Nelson Hackett Boulevard.

Section 2: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby authorizes Mayor Jordan to reimburse businesses and residences currently addressed on Archibald Yell Boulevard for expenses necessitated by the change of name of the street.

**PASSED and APPROVED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**LIONELD JORDAN**, Mayor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**KARA PAXTON**, City Clerk/Treasurer