ORDINANCE NO. 187

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PERIOD FOR THE CITY OF CHERRY VALLEY, ARKANSAS, PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 7 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas provides that municipalities may provide for the exercise of the initiative and referendum as to their local legislation; and

WHEREAS, uncertainty exists as to the time for exercising the Initiative and Referendum in Cherry Valley, Arkansas.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Cherry Valley, Arkansas:

- **Section 1. Initiative Petition**. The time for filing an initiative petition as provided for by Amendment No. 7 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas is hereby fixed at sixty (60) days before an election at which it is to be voted upon.
- **Section 2. Referendum Petition**. The time for filing a referendum petition as provided for by Amendment No. 7 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas is hereby fixed at thirty (30) days after the passage of such measure by the City Council.
- **Section 3.** Repeal of Ordinances in Conflict. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.
- **Section 4. Publication**. Following adoption, this Ordinance shall be published in accordance with the City's general practices regarding publication of ordinances of the City.
- **Section 5. Emergency Clause**. It is hereby found and ascertained to be a fact that uncertainty exists as to the allowable time for filing initiative and referendum periods in Cherry Valley, Arkansas, and that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas contemplates and authorizes municipalities to fix such time within prescribed limits, and this Ordinance being necessary for the public health, peace and safety of the people of the City of Cherry Valley, Arkansas, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

PASSED: 9th May 2023

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ATTEST:

CITY OF CHERRY VALLEY, ARKANSAS

By:

Mayor

