CITY OF COTTER, ARKANSAS

ORDINANCE NO. 2022- 09

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CIVIL AND SMALL CLAIMS COURT SESSIONS VENUE FOR THE COTTER DEPARTMENT OF THE BAXTER COUNTY DISTRICT COURT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Arkansas law requires each court of the 10th District Court to have separate divisions for small claims, civil, criminal, and traffic; and

WHEREAS, it has been the practice of all courts in Baxter County to have all civil and small claims filed and heard in one location as a matter of convenience to the parties, attorneys, and the court system; and

WHEREAS, the City council of the City of Cotter, Arkansas and the District Judge agree that all civil and small claims cases brought before the Cotter Department of Baxter County District Court shall be held in a different venue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTER, ARKANSAS:

<u>SECTION 1.</u> That all civil and small claims cases for the Cotter Department of Baxter County District Court will be held in the Mountain Home Department at the Baxter County Court Complex at the time(s) and date(s) set by the District Judge.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. The City Council has found and determined that Civil and Small Claim Court Session Venue should continue to be held at the Baxter County District Court and not be held in Cotter. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared exist, and this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

ADOPTED THIS 15th, DAY OF December ,2022.

APPROVED:

McGeorge Caradine, Mayor

Andrea Kray, Recorder/Treasurer

odi Carney, District Judge

