

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-08

**AN ORDINANCE DEFINING POLICY AND
PROCEDURES FOR SPENDING OR ENCUMBERING
CITY FUNDS NOT SPECIFICALLY BUDGETED,
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, circumstances sometimes arise that it may be necessary or desirable to expend or encumber city funds for goods or services or materials that were not specifically included in the City's budget approved by the City Council, and;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Clinton City Council maintain knowledge and control over the finances and expenditures of the City of Clinton so as to assure that city funds are expended in the areas intended by the City Council, and;

WHEREAS, no firm policy over the expenditure or encumbrance of city funds has been adopted by the City Council;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, ARKANSAS AS FOLLOWS:**


Section 1. No person or city employ may encumber, pledge, appropriate, spend or commit to spend any city funds that were not included in the Clinton City Budget as adopted or amended by the Clinton City Council unless said proposed expenditure or encumbrance is specifically approved by the Clinton City Council.

Section 2. The provision in Section 1 above shall not apply to the authority given to the Mayor in the City Budget to expend funds up to a limit set by the City Council in the Clinton City Budget. Additionally, said provision shall not apply to the expenditure of funds by the Mayor for an emergency expense that threatens the health, safety or welfare of the

citizens of the City of Clinton provided the Mayor declares such an emergency to exist and submits the expenditures to the City Council for review as soon as practical after the emergency has been dealt with.

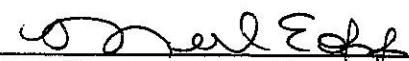
Section 3. The requirements to maintain a balanced budget are both desirable and statutorily required. Knowledge and control of the budget and expenditures by the City Council is essential to the fulfillment of that requirement. Therefore an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED: June 12, 2007



Roger Rorie, Mayor

ATTEST:



Merl Eoff, Recorder/Treasurer/Clerk, CMC

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Brad A. Cazort, City Attorney