



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH STUDIO DRIFT TO PROVIDE A NATURAL SURFACE MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL RESEARCH, CONCEPT, DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO.

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro seeks to further increase recreational opportunities for area residents; and

WHEREAS, natural surface trails are an established attraction for cycling tourist and will provide additional economic activity in Jonesboro while increasing quality of place for Jonesboro residents; and

WHEREAS, construction of natural surface trails has become increasingly popular due in large part to their lower cost of investment for high rate of return ratios; and

WHEREAS, Studio Drift and their associates are among the most experienced firms in trail design and also have a detailed knowledge of Jonesboro and have participated in design and concept work for similar plans with satisfactory results; and

WHEREAS, Studio Drift will be tasked with conducting information gathering community surveys, inventorying current city properties for viability, researching existing trails at Craighead Forest for improvements, crafting a city-wide natural surface trail plan to interact with the current One Jonesboro Multi-use trail plan, and assisting with seeking funding sources from local, state and federal entities.

WHEREAS, bidding is requested to be waived for exceptional circumstances to take full advantage of cooperative funding with Jonesboro Unlimited, who have agreed to pay half of the encumbered cost of these professional services due to their confidence in Studio Drift and their associates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS THAT:

SECTION 1: The City of Jonesboro may contract with Studio Drift for professional services to research and design a natural surface trail system for properties within the City of Jonesboro.

SECTION 2: The City Council in accordance with the terms of A.C.A. Section 14-58-303 hereby waive the requirement of competitive bidding and authorize the Mayor to enter into a professional services agreement with Studio Drift for services outlined in the attached contract.

SECTION 3: That Mayor Harold Copenhaver and City Clerk April Leggett are hereby authorized to execute such documents as are necessary to effectuate the contract.