

CITY OF CEDARVILLE, ARKANSAS

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-01-17-01

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH FAMILY OF DEBORAH PINKERTON, REPEALING ANY OTHER CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, AND OTHER RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Arkansas law contained in Ark. Code Ann. § 14-42-107 (b) (1) provides that “[n]o alderman, council member, official, or municipal employee shall be interested, directly or indirectly, in the profits of any contract for furnishing supplies, equipment, or services to the municipality unless the governing body of the city has enacted an ordinance specifically permitting aldermen, council members, officials, or municipal employees to conduct business with the City and prescribing the extent of this authority.”

WHEREAS, Cedarville currently has an ordinance prohibiting officials to contract with the City; and

WHEREAS, prior to taking office by Deborah Pinkerton her son-in-law, Steven Workman through Workman’s Plumbing had the contract to perform plumbing on the Cedarville Fire Station expansion project;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Cedarville believes it to be in the best interests of the citizens of the City to permit this contract to continue with the City due to the small size of the City;

THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cedarville, Arkansas, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** The City of Cedarville, Arkansas, is hereby permitted to enter into reasonable and customary in the industry contracts for plumbing with Steven Workman and/or Workman’s Plumbing for work to be done on the current construction project expanding the city’s fire station.

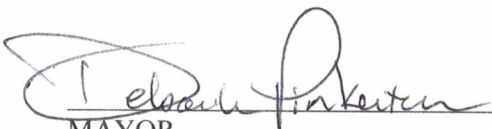
**SECTION 2:** Any other conflicting City ordinance or conflicting provision of any City ordinance purporting to act under A.C.A. § 14-42-107 prohibiting City officials or their family from holding interests in contracts with the City of Cedarville is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3:** This ordinance is deemed important for the immediate protection and preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Cedarville, Arkansas, because of the need to have open and honest government without the actual or appearance of impropriety, nepotism, or favoritism and due to the overwhelming public sentiment that could result in a breach of the peace without the immediate enactment of the aforementioned ordinance. Therefore an emergency is hereby declared and this ordinance shall be and take effect and be in full force after its passage, approval, and publication.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2023.

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

  
MAYOR

  
RECORDER-TREASURER