COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-547 ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE repealing Section 34-2, Prices of lots and grave rights; charge for setting stones, of Chapter 34, Cemeteries, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin and enacting in lieu thereof a new Section 34-2, Prices of lots and grave rights; charge for setting stones, of Chapter 34, Cemeteries, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin to implement certain fee changes; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective.

WHEREAS, the City performed the biennial fee review and the cost of services has increased and exceeds revenues; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Joplin desires to increase fees to meet the reasonable expenditures of this function.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, as follows:

Section 1. That Section 34-2, Prices of lots and grave rights; charge for setting stones, of Chapter 34, Cemeteries, be repealed and a new Section 34-2, Prices of lots and grave rights; charge for setting stones, of Chapter 34, Cemeteries of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin be enacted in lieu thereof to read as follows:

"Sec. 34-2. Prices of lots and grave rights; charge for setting stones.

(A) Charge for lots, grave rights, and setting stones:

(1) Lot space…….$750.00
(2) Grave opening/close…….$750.00
(3) Grave opening/close-Infants……..$225.00
(4) Grave marker (*cost per square inch)……..*$0.55
(5) Cremains …….$350.00
(6) Cremains including set up…….$400.00
(7) Columbarium-Single niche, includes opening/closing and some engraving…..$1,100.00
(8) Columbarium-Companion niche, includes opening/closing and some engraving……$1,500.00

(B) An additional charge of $150.00 for grave opening shall be made for any openings when the procession enters the ceremony later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday and on Saturday before noon. On Saturday after 12:00 noon, the charge shall be the base of $500.00 plus the hourly rate of $150.00 for each additional hour.

(C) City council shall review the costs of services associated with all user fees at least on a biennial basis during the budget process to determine the appropriateness of the fees charge."

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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Keenan T. Cortez, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Holly Nagy, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney