

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 34-2, Prices of lots and grave rights; charge for setting stones., of Chapter 34, Cemeteries, of the Joplin City Code to increase the fees and charges for services as described therein, to defray, in part, the City's actual cost of providing such services, and to provide a mechanism for the adjustment of the fees as established by this ordinance tied to changes in the All-Urban Consumer Price Index; repealing Section 34-3, Charge for opening graves.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Joplin has received from City staff a report entitled Assessments and Options for Cemetery Services, and has accepted the same; and,

WHEREAS, said report illustrates that the fees charged by the City of Joplin for various services within the City's cemeteries do not meet the City's actual out-of-pocket costs of providing such services; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Joplin desires to implement a new schedule of costs for services provided at the City's cemeteries to defray, in part, the actual costs thereof.

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., be amended of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin, Missouri, be amended 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	\$ 350.00
2) Grave Opening/Close	225.00
3) Grave Opening/Close – Infants	50.00
4) Grave Marker (*Cost Per Square Inch)....	* .25
5) Cremains	75.00

6) Cremains including set-up 125.00

(b) An additional charge of \$100.00 for grave opening shall be made for any openings when the procession enters the cemetery 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 \$325.00 plus the hourly rate of \$100.00 for each additional hour.

(c) The fees set forth in this section may be increased from time-to-time by a percentage not to exceed the percentage increase in the All-Urban Consumer Price Index, provided the increase in the fee does not exceed the cost to provide the service. The Director of Finance shall determine from time-to-time the percentage of change in fees by using the All-Urban Consumer Price Index to determine the increase, if any, from the present amount of fees set forth in this section. Fees which are authorized to be adjusted from time-to-time may be so increased provided such increase does not exceed the cost of service. The term, "to provide the service" as used in this section shall mean the reasonable cost to provide the service and shall include all direct and indirect program costs associated with the delivery of the service as well as capital costs, as may be determined in the discretion of the Director of Finance of the City."

Section 2. That Section 34-3., Charge for opening graves., be, and the same hereby is, repealed.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, THIS
15th day of January, 2001.

Darieux K. Adams, Mayor

ATTEST: Barbara L. Hogelin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Chuck D. Brown, City Attorney