

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2007-514

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-219

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.

WHEREAS, the cost of operating the Cemetery since the previous fee increase in 2001 has substantially exceeded revenues; and,

WHEREAS, in 2001 a method of determining fee increases for the Cemetery was established utilizing the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as the cost benchmark; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Joplin does hereby find that the CPI increase of approximately 15% since 2001 is a sufficient price increase to cover cost increases to meet 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 That Section 34-2, Prices of lots and grave rights; charge for setting stones, of Chapter 34, Cemeteries, be repealed and a new Section 34-2, Prices of lots and grave rights; charge for setting stones, of Chapter 34, Cemeteries, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin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:

CHAPTER 34 CEMETERIES

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 . . . \$400.00
- (2) Grave opening/close . . . \$260.00
- (3) Grave opening/close--Infants . . . \$60.00
- (4) Grave marker (*cost per square inch) . . . *\$0.30
- (5) Creains . . . \$85.00
- (6) Creains including set-up . . . \$145.00
- (7) Columbarium-Single niche, includes opening/closing and some engraving.....\$750.00

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- (8) Columbarium-Companion niche, includes opening/closing and some engraving.....\$1,000.00

(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 \$360.00 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 this ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2008.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this 15th day of October, 2007.

Jon Tupper, Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara L Hogelin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Brian W Head, City Attorney