
REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: MARCH 21, 2016

ITEM: COUNCIL BILL NO. 2016-506

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Department Head: Leslie Haase

Director of Parks: Scott Garrie

City Attorney: Peter Edwards

City Manager: Sam Anselm

INTRODUCTION:

This Council Bill changes certain language related to cemetery fees.

DISCUSSION:

Following the bi-annual user fee review, certain fee increases and changes were implemented with an effective date of January 1, 2016. After further review, the parks department has determined that the established time for overtime fees should be changed from 4:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to better coordinate with the work schedules of the cemetery. This will allow for a better recovery of the payroll costs associated with providing these services.

The fee language change will be effective on May 1, 2016.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Staff recommends this Council Bill be approved on first reading.

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 has established times for overtime fees; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Joplin desires to change the time for overtime 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 That Section 34-2, Prices of lots and grave rights; charge for setting stones, of Chapter 34, Cemeteries, be repealed and a new Section 34-2, Prices of lots and grave rights; charge for setting stones, of Chapter 34, Cemeteries of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin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.....\$500.00
- (2) Grave opening/close.....\$400.00
- (3) Grave opening/close-Infants.....\$100.00
- (4) Grave marker (*cost per square inch).....*\$0.35
- (5) Creains\$125.00
- (6) Creains including set up.....\$200.00
- (7) Columbarium-Single niche, includes opening/closing and some engraving.....\$750.00
- (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 ceremony later than 3:00 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 \$100.00 for each additional hour.

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

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective on May 1, 2016.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this _____ day
of _____, 2016.

Michael L. Seibert, Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara L. Hogelin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney