CITY OF MULBERRY, ARKANSAS

ORDINANCE 2023-09

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH CEMETERY PLOT PRICES FOR THE CITY OF MULBERRY, ARKANSAS, FOR THE MULBERRY NEW CEMETERY, AND TO SET FEES FOR OPENING AND CLOSING GRAVES ON WEEKDAYS AND WEEKENDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Mulberry, Arkansas, operates the Mulberry New Cemetery for the internment of deceased residents and others; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City to establish fees for cemetery plots and opening and closing graves to maintain the cemetery and provide for its ongoing operation and upkeep; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to enact this ordinance with an Emergency clause to make it effective immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MULBERRY, ARKANSAS.

SECTION 1: Cemetery Plot Prices

The cost of a cemetery plot at the Mulberry New Cemetery shall be set at Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($350.00) per plot.

SECTION 2: Opening and Closing of Graves

(a) The fee for opening and closing graves at the Mulberry New Cemetery on weekdays (Monday through Friday) shall be set at Seven Hundred Dollars ($700.00) per grave.

(b) The fee for opening and closing graves at the Mulberry New Cemetery on weekends (Saturday and Sunday) and all City-observed holidays shall be set at One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) per grave.

SECTION 3: Opening and Closing Graves for Cremation Urns

(a) The fee for opening and closing of graves for cremation urns at the Mulberry New Cemetery on Weekdays (Monday through Friday) shall be set at Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00).

(b) The fee for opening and closing of graves for cremation urns at the Mulberry New Cemetery on weekends (Saturday and Sunday) and all City-observed holidays shall be set at Four Hundred Fifty Dollars ($450.00).

SECTION 4: Repeal

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby r repealed.

SECTION 5: Severability

If any court of competent jurisdiction shall deem any clause, section, Phrase, or other portion of this ordinance illegal or unenforceable, the Remainder of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6: Emergency Clause

This ordinance is deemed essential to maintain the cemetery's operational capabilities, preserve its aesthetic and functional integrity, and safeguard the rights and expectations of families who rely on the cemetery during times of loss. An emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance being necessary for the public welfare shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and posting.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 19 DAY OF December 2023.

APPROVED: _____

Gary D. Baxter Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Carla Dickerson, Recorder/Treasurer