

ORDINANCE NO. 48-16

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-30 OF THE FORT SMITH MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING DONATION OF GRAVE SPACE(S) AND WAIVER OF INTERMENT FEES AT OAK CEMETERY**

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*Whereas, Sebastian County Sheriff Department Deputy William "Bill" Cooper was killed in the line of duty on Wednesday, August 10, 2016; and,*

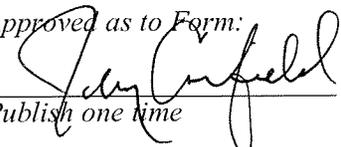
*Whereas, Deputy Cooper's family has requested he be interred in Oak Cemetery; and,*

*Whereas, the City of Fort Smith recognizes and honors the sacrifices made by sworn officers of the Fort Smith Police Department, Fort Smith Fire Department and Sebastian County Sheriff's Department, as well as the sacrifices made by their family members;*

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1:** Section 7-30 of the Fort Smith Municipal Code is hereby amended to include the following:

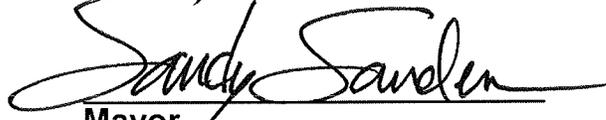
- (c) *At the discretion of the City Administrator, the City of Fort Smith will donate one grave plot (and waive interment fees) for any Fort Smith sworn Police Officer or Firefighter or sworn officer of the Sebastian County Sheriff's Department who is killed by action of another while on active duty and in the line of duty or who dies from injuries so sustained within 30 days. A second grave plot may be donated for the spouse, a parent or significant other of the deceased if requested by the estate of the deceased.*

Approved as to Form:  
  
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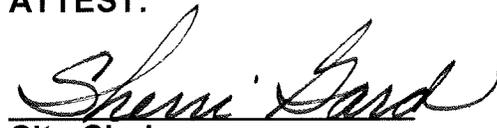
**SECTION 2:** Emergency clause. It is hereby determined that the above provision is to accommodate the families of fallen, sworn officers of the Fort Smith Police Department, Fort Smith Fire Department and Sebastian County Sheriff's Department, who serve and protect the health, safety and welfare of the city of Fort Smith and its inhabitants; therefore, an emergency is declared and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effective immediately upon passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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City Clerk