

ORDINANCE NO. 27-14**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE OF THE TOTAL AUTHORIZED SWORN OFFICER POSITIONS TO ONE-HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN (167) FOR THE FORT SMITH POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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

Section 1. The Fort Smith Police Department is hereby authorized to increase the sworn officer strength of the department by one (1) additional officer to one hundred sixty-seven (167) officers.

Section 2. The Fort Smith Police Department will utilize funds distributed by the Sebastian County Prosecuting Attorney's Office as well as a local match to fund the one (1) additional position.

Section 3. The Sebastian County Prosecuting Attorney's Office will fund its portion (\$45,000.00) by utilizing a grant program supported under the Arkansas State Drug Crime Enforcement and Prosecution Fund. The awarded grant from the State of Arkansas specifies the funds will be used for salary and benefits for a sworn officer working as a member of the 12th Judicial Drug Task Force.

Section 4. The Fort Smith Police Department will supply the local match as required by the grant (\$11,250.00), as its portion of the salary and benefits for the sworn officer referred to in Section 3 above. These funds will be allocated from the annually approved personnel budget for the Fort Smith Police Department.

Section 5. The Fort Smith Police Department has an existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Sebastian County Prosecuting Attorney's Office governing the use of a sworn officer as a member of the 12th Judicial District Drug Task Force in a full-time capacity, using the mid-point entry level salary and benefits of a first year sworn officer, as established each year by ordinance.

Section 6. Upon reassignment of the sworn officer back to the police department on a full-time or part-time basis, the Fort Smith Police Department will reduce authorized strength by one full-time equivalent position within six months, unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Emergency Clause. It is hereby determined that an emergency exists so that it is determined that the health, safety and welfare of the City's inhabitants requires the immediate effectiveness of this Ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF MAY, 2014.

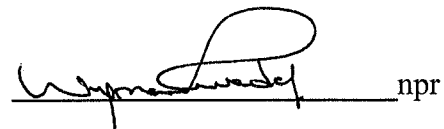
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MAYOR

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