

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, MISSOURI AMENDING TITLE I "GOVERNMENT CODE", CHAPTER 145 "CEMETERIES", SECTION 145.590 "CEMETERY LOT SALES" OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, MISSOURI.**

*WHEREAS*, the City of Aurora, Missouri (the "City"), is a city of the third class and political subdivision of the State of Missouri, duly created, organized and existing under and by virtue of the constitution and laws of the State of Missouri; and

*WHEREAS*, lot sales fees were last set in 2002 with Ordinance No. 2002-2507 on April 9, 2002 with fees set as follows:

- One (1) Space - \$200.00
- Two (2) Spaces or ¼ of lot - \$400
- Five (5) Spaces or ½ of lot - \$600
- Ten (10) Spaces or One (1) full Lot - \$1,000

*WHEREAS*, City staff have reviewed current fees from cemeteries from the surrounding areas that vary greatly for these services with the Cemetery Lot Sales Fees found being approximately \$600 with surveyed prices increasing significantly from there; and

*WHEREAS*, it is recommended that the current fees be revised a sufficient amount to reflect comparable fees from around the area, and the inflation over these intervening years; and

*WHEREAS*, it is recommended that Cemetery Lot Sales Fees be set at a level that reflects the City of Aurora's commitment to ensuring satisfactory perpetual care for those that are interred within the Cemeteries under the City's charge.

***NOW ,THEREFORE, BE IT, ORDAINED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND FOR THE CITY OF AURORA, MISSOURI, as follows:***

**SECTION I:** The Cemetery Lot Sales for the City of Aurora shall be set as follows:

- One (1) Space - \$400.00
- Two (2) Spaces or ¼ of lot - \$800
- Five (5) Spaces or ½ of lot - \$1,500
- Ten (10) Spaces or One (1) full Lot - \$2,500

**SECTION II:** A Deed Recording Fee of \$25 will be assessed on all Cemetery Lot sales for recording of the Deed with the office of the Lawrence County Recorder of Deeds.

**SECTION III:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances that conflict with this ordinance is hereby repealed.

**SECTION IV:** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its date of passage.

***PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, MISSOURI THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2023.***

**APPROVED:**

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Jason Lewis, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Kamy Kulow, City Clerk