AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING A MARRIAGE PROVISION FOR MEMBERS OF THE CLARKSVILLE LOCAL FIRE PENSION FUND.

WHEREAS, the City Council authorizes the implementation of a marriage provision for eligible members of the Clarksville Local Fire Pension Fund. This marriage provision is intended to ensure an eligible surviving spouse of a retired member of the Clarksville Local Fire Pension Fund will continue to receive the monthly retirement benefit the member received prior to death, excepting the benefit available under Arkansas Code Annotated 24-11-826. This marriage provision is limited to a member who married after retirement and remained married for at least five consecutive years before the member's death.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. The City Council recognizes that the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System (LOPFI) is the administrator of the Clarksville Local Fire Pension Fund (Local Plan). Therefore, the Chief Administrative Officer is hereby authorized to provide LOPFI an approved copy of this Ordinance approving this marriage provision for this Local Plan. To ensure equity for all eligible participants of the Local Plan, the effective date for this marriage provision shall be retroactive to July 1, 2004.

<u>SECTION 2.</u> It is the intent of the City Council and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be codified into the Code of Ordinances of Clarksville, Arkansas and the sections thereof may be re-numbered and re-lettered as necessary to accomplish such intention.

<u>SECTION 3.</u> Due to the need to promptly implement this benefit amendment for the Local Plan, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance shall be in full force from and after the date of its passage and approval.

Passed this 14th day of August, 2017

APPROVED:

Mark Simpson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Blackard, Clerk/Treasurer