

Ordinance No. 2517

ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 16-1-2 TO ADDRESS THE
PURCHASE OF FIREARM BY RETIRED OFFICERS AND
NEXT OF KIN FOR OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

WHEREAS, Section 16-1-2 of the Code of Ordinances, which pertains to the purchase of a sidearm, requires updating to align with the latest requirements mandated by Miss. Code Ann. 45-9-131.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, THAT:

SECTION ONE: The Code of Ordinances of the City of Biloxi is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 16-1-2. Purchase of ~~sidearm~~ firearm by a retiring member of the Biloxi Police Department or the next of kin of a law enforcement officer who is killed in the line of duty.

(a) Any member of the Biloxi Police Department who retires under any state retirement system or any state-approved retirement system shall be allowed to purchase as his personal property one (1) sidearm which was issued to him by the Biloxi Police Department, ~~and which has been used in the line of duty for at least three years. The amount to be paid for the firearm by the retiring police officer shall be twenty five dollars (\$25), unless otherwise determined by the governing authorities.~~ The amount to be paid for any firearm purchased by a retiring officer shall be the fair market value of the firearm as determined by the Director of Police and approved by the governing authorities.

(b) The next of kin of a Biloxi law enforcement officer who is killed in the line of duty is authorized to purchase the sidearm that was issued to the officer. The amount to be paid for the firearm by the retiring police officer shall be an agreed upon price as determined by the Director of Police and approved by the governing authorities.

SECTION TWO: This Ordinance shall become effective when and as provided by law.

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The foregoing Ordinance having first been reduced to writing, was read by the Clerk and moved by Councilmember Tisdale, seconded by Councilmember Deming, and was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS:	Lawrence	Tisdale	NAYS:	None
	Gines	Glavan		
	Newman	Barrett		
	Deming			

The President then declared the Ordinance adopted this the 25th day of July, 2023.



ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Michelle C. Peterson
DEPUTY CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Nathan Barrett
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Submitted to and approved by the Mayor, this the 27th day of July, 2023.

APPROVED:

[Signature]
MAYOR