ORDINANCE NO. ///--

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE 97-5, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING COUNTY WELFARE GUIDELINES

WHEREAS BROOKINGS COUNTY previously adopted Ordinance 97-5, an Ordinance Adopting County Welfare Guidelines; and

WHEREAS it appears that such Ordinance should be revised regarding Appendix D, Burial and Funeral Assistance.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY BROOKINGS COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, that Ordinance 97-5 be amended by revising Appendix D as follows:

APPENDIX D

BURIAL AND FUNERAL ASSISTANCE

- (A) For those County residents who die in a state of indigence or who are otherwise qualified under SDCL 28-17, the County shall allow burial and funeral expenses as follows:
 - 1. The approval of the Brookings County Commission is required for payment of all Welfare Funeral services before services are rendered. The Commission reserves the right to have each family desiring a Welfare Funeral Service demonstrate a definite need for the assistance of the county.
 - 2. The Brookings County Commission will not permit any substitution of funeral merchandise; that is a family cannot pay the difference for higher quality merchandise.
 - 3. If a Welfare Funeral Service is authorized the family of the Decedent shall continue to be responsible for payment of gratuities to organist, vocalist, and clergy. It is also the responsibility of the family to pay for the flowers and other miscellaneous expenses.
 - 4. When Brookings County accepts the financial responsibility for Welfare Funeral Services, Brookings County requires that the assets of the deceased be turned over to the County. Such assets include: Social Security lump sum Benefit, Veterans Benefits, Savings accounts, Checking accounts, etc. Pursuant to SDCL Chapter 28-14 a poor lien shall be filed against the deceased's personal and real estate property.

(B) RATES – If a Welfare Funeral Service is approved by the County Commission the County shall pay the following:

Complete Funeral Service including minimum cloth covered wood casket, or rental casket and wood cremation urn, concrete burial liner including delivery, opening/closing grave, burial plot, and printed material. \$3,000.00

FIRST READING: December 14 2010

SECOND READING: December 21, 2010

ADOPTED this <u>AP</u> day of <u>DCComber</u>, 2010

Dennis Falken, Chairperson

Brookings County Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST IN PARTY

Brookings County Finance Officer - Deput