## **RESOLUTION NO. 25-**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE WAIVER OF CEMETERY INTERMENT FEES AND RATIFYING THE REFUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,506.84, FOR THE BURIAL OF "FATHER RON" PERKINS, IN LAUDERDALE MEMORIAL PARK, IN THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Father Ronald G. Perkins, affectionally known as "Father Ron", was a spiritual leader and a source of support to the South Florida public safety community; and

WHEREAS, through his role with Public Safety Chaplaincy, Inc., Father Ron ministered to personnel at various Police Departments, Fire Rescue Departments, Broward Health Medical Center and the Fire Chiefs Association of Broward County.

WHEREAS, Father Ron was a veteran of the U.S. Navy; and

WHEREAS, Father Ron served as Chaplain for several local municipal departments including the City Fort Lauderdale Police Department, since 2009, the City of Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue Department, since 2012, the City of Coral Springs-Parkland Fire Department, since January 2017, and the City of Tamarac Fire Rescue Department, since 2021; and

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2025, Father Ron passed away; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Cemetery Merchandise and Services Purchase Agreement, dated July 3, 2025, interment fees in the amount of \$9,506.84 were fully paid; and

WHEREAS, burial services for Father Ron were held on Friday, July 11, 2025;

and

WHEREAS, on or about July 7, 2025, a refund in the amount of \$9,506.84 was issued to the payor by the City of Fort Lauderdale, and all associated interment fees were waived in recognition of Father Ron's dedicated public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

<u>SECTION 1</u>. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, hereby ratifies the waiver of cemetery interment fees and ratifies the refund in the amount of \$9,506.84, for the

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burial of "Father Ron" Perkins, in Lauderdale Memorial Park, in the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

<u>SECTION 2</u>. That the Office of the City Attorney shall review and approve as to form all documents prior to their execution by the City officials.

<u>SECTION 3</u>. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

| ADOPTED this                            | _day of | , 2025.                    |  |
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|   |         | Mayor<br>DEAN J. TRANTALIS |  |
| ATTEST:                                 |         |                            |  |
|   |         | Dean J. Trantalis          |  |
| City Clerk<br>DAVID R. SOLOMAN          |         | John C. Herbst             |  |
| APPROVED AS TO FORM<br>AND CORRECTNESS: |         | Steven Glassman            |  |
|   |         | Pamela Beasley-Pittman     |  |
| Interim City Attorney D'WAYNE M. SPENCE |         | Ben Sorensen               |  |