ORDINANCE NO. 2016- 10-(400

CITY OF TONTITOWN, WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL SECTION 32.03 <u>HIRING OF RELATIVES</u>

<u>PROHIBITED</u> OF CHAPTER 32: <u>POLICIES</u> OF THE TONTITOWN

MUNICIPAL CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2005-7-222 was adopted by the City of Tontitown City Council on July 5, 2005 and eventually codified as Section 32.03 <u>HIRING OF RELATIVES PROHIBITED</u> of CHAPTER 32: <u>POLICIES</u> of the Tontitown Municipal Code;

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2005-7-222 is an ordinance which establishes rules and guidelines to prohibit the hiring of relatives by elected officials as city employees within the City of Tontitown;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Tontitown, after due consideration, believed that is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Tontitown to repeal Section 32.03 <u>HIRING OF RELATIVES PROHIBITED</u> of CHAPTER 32: <u>POLICIES</u> and Ordinance No. 2005-7-222 in its entirety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the city of Tontitown, Arkansas:

<u>Section 1</u>: Section 32.03 <u>HIRING OF RELATIVES PROHIBITED</u> of CHAPTER 32: <u>POLICIES</u> and Ordinance No. 2005-7-222 are hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 2: If any section, subsection, sentence clause, phrase, or portion if this Ordinance if for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distant and independent provision and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 3. Declaration of Emergency. It is hereby found and determined that the repeal of Section 32.03 HIRING OF RELATIVES PROHIBITED of CHAPTER 32: POLICIES of the Tontitown Municipal Code and Ordinance No. 2005-7-222, is necessary as current state laws and regulations effectively provide transparency and control of city hiring practices and the city must be able to hire the best and most qualified employees without arbitrary restrictions which are not necessary to protect the City of Tontitown. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act, being immediately necessary for the preservation and protection of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City and its citizens, shall become effective on the date of its passage and approval by the Mayor. If the Ordinance is neither approved nor vetoed by the Mayor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Mayor may veto this Ordinance. If the Ordinance is vetoed by the Mayor and the veto is overridden by the City Council, it shall become effective on the date the City Council overrides the veto.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day October, 2016.

APPROVED:

Paul Colvin, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Rhonda Ardemagni.. City Recorder-Treasurer