



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
City Council Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: 3/3/2025

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Agenda Item: First Reading Ordinance: Cemetery Grave Price and Burial Rate Increase

Explanation: In order to maintain the high standards of service and care for Glendale Cemetery, we request consideration to increase pricing to reflect the increasing costs of operations and maintenance. While we do not seek to generate a profit, it is essential to ensure that funds are generated to help cover the ongoing expenses. To address this need, we propose a modest increase of \$10 per year for most burial fees and grave site purchase. This adjustment will help us continue to honor the heritage of our community and maintain the quality of care that our families expect and deserve.

City Council last amended the pricing structure in 2021 which allowed for a \$10 increase for grave prices and a flat rate increase for most burial fees. The previous increase was considered in 2013.

Please note this ordinance does not affect columbarium grave prices and certain infant grave prices and interments/inurnments.

Fiscal Impact:

Grave Prices		Current		Proposed	
Upright Monuments		\$780		\$790	
Memorial Garden		\$630		\$640	
Infant Graves		\$100		\$100	
Burial Fees	Days	Current	After 2PM	Proposed	After 2PM
Casketed Interment	Mon-Fri	\$700	+\$100	\$710	+\$110
Casketed Interment	Sat & Sun	\$800	+\$100	\$810	+\$110
Casketed Interment	Holidays	\$900	+\$100	\$910	+\$110
Cremation Inurnment	Mon-Fri	\$350	+\$100	\$360	+\$110
Cremation Inurnment	Sat & Sun	\$450	+\$100	\$460	+\$110
Cremation Inurnment	Holidays	\$550	+\$100	\$560	+\$110

Recommendation: Attached is a proposed ordinances for review and consideration.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

Synopsis: Adoption of this ordinance will provide for a yearly increase of \$10 in the fees charged for the purchase of grave sites in the Traditional/Upright sections and Memorial Garden of Glendale Cemetery.

Adoption of this ordinance will provide for a yearly increase of \$10 in the fees charged interments/inurnments in the Traditional/Upright sections and Memorial Garden of Glendale Cemetery which include an increase in the interments/inurnments taking place after 2:00 P.M., weekends, and holidays, as well as weekdays.

The increases will become effective May 1, 2025, and occur every May 1st until otherwise amended by Council. The increases will not affect infant interments/inurnments, or the primary columbarium price structure other than interments/inurnments taking place after 2:00 P.M., weekends, and holidays.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II, SECTION 18-29 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ENTITLED “CEMETERIES” BY INCREASING ITS PRICES AND FEES FOR GRAVE SITES AND INTERMENTS/INURNMENTS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. Section 18-29 entitled “Sale of Grave Sites and Lots” is deleted in its entirety, and the following is inserted in lieu thereof as §Section 18-29.

§SEC. 18-29. SALE OF GRAVE SITES AND BURIAL FEES

- (A) Beginning May 1, 2025 all cemetery grave sites shall be sold to residents and non-residents of the City at a price of \$640 per grave site in the Memorial Gardens and \$790 per grave site in the Traditional/Upright area and increase \$10 each May 1st thereafter. Grave sites in the infant burial section shall be sold at a price of \$100 each.
- (B) Interment/Inurnment Fees: The fees for the first interment on each grave site shall be as follows:
 - (1) Traditional/Casketed Interment shall be: \$710 Monday through Friday; \$810 Saturday and Sunday; \$910 on holidays and City observed holidays;
 - (2) Cremation Inurnment shall be: \$360 Monday through Friday; \$460 Saturday and Sunday; \$560 on holidays and City observed holidays;
 - (3) Infant interments taking place in the Traditional/Upright area or the Memorial Garden shall be: \$250 on Monday through Friday; \$300 on Saturday and Sunday; \$350 on holidays and City observed holidays;
 - (4) All interments/inurnments taking place on or after 2:00 P.M., on any day shall include an additional fee of \$110

- (C) Disinterment Fee: The fee for disinterment shall be double the interment fee stated in paragraph (B) above and in paragraph (E) below.
- (D) Trading Sites and Lots: There shall be a fee for trading Sites or Lots, which shall be as follows:
 - (1) \$50 for exchange of 1-4 Grave Sites;
 - (2) \$75 for exchange of 5-8 Grave Sites;
 - (3) \$100 for exchange of 9 Grave Sites or greater.
- (E) Additional Fees. For the second and each subsequent interment on a single Grave Site, there shall be paid the Interment Fee set forth in paragraph (B) above plus an additional fee of \$100.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect on May 1, 2025, after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Section 3. That all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk