



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
City Council Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: 5-17-2021

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Agenda Item: First Reading: Cemetery Rate Increase Ordinance

Explanation: The City of Washington owns and operates Glendale Cemetery. Rates have not been adjusted since 2013 and the fees charged are not covering the cost of increased maintenance expenses, the cost of overtime for funerals that take place after 2:00 p.m. and the cost of overtime for funerals that take place on weekends, holidays or observed holidays.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Recommendation/Committee Discussion Summary: Please see the attached proposed 2021 Ordinances for Glendale Cemetery and the Glendale Cemetery Columbarium.

Recommendation Summary: Staff recommends approval for the Cemetery Rate increases for gravesites and fees.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

Synopsis: Adoption of this ordinance will provide for an increase in the fees charged for its grave sites and interments in Glendale Cemetery. The increases will become effective June 1, 2021, and are reflected as a \$50 per grave site increase in its Traditional sections and no increase in its Memorial section, Columbarium, and Infant Graves; a \$100 increase for Casketed weekday interments, \$200 increase for Casketed weekend interments and \$300 increase for Casketed holiday and City observed holiday interments; and a \$50 increase for Cremation weekday interments, a \$100 increase for Cremation weekend interments, and a \$200 increase for Cremation holiday and City observed holiday interments; and a \$50 increase for Infant holiday and City observed holiday interments.

- There will be an additional \$100 added for services at the Columbarium started after 3 P.M.
- Casketed weekday interments will be an additional \$100 for services started after 2 P.M.
- Cremation weekday interments will be an additional \$100 for services started after 2 P.M.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 92 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 INTERMENT

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

Section 1. Section 92.20 entitled "Sale of Grave Sites and Lots" is deleted in its entirety, and the following is inserted in lieu thereof as §92.20.

§92.20 SALE OF GRAVE SITES AND LOTS

- (A) All cemetery Grave Sites (as defined in Chapter 92) shall be sold to residents and non-residents of the City at a price of \$600 per Grave Site in Memorial Gardens and \$750 per Grave Site in the traditional area. Grave Sites in the infant burial section shall be sold at a price of \$100 each.
- (B) Interment Fees: The fees for the first interment on each Grave Site shall be as follows:
- (1) Regular interment shall be: \$700 on Monday through Friday, overtime rates of \$100 will apply to services started after 2 P.M.; \$800 on Saturday and Sunday, and \$900 on holidays and City observed holidays.
 - (2) Infant interment shall be: \$250 on Monday through Friday; \$300 on Saturday, Sundays, and \$350 on holidays and City observed holidays.
 - (3) Cremation interment shall be: \$350 on Monday through Friday, overtime rates of \$100 will apply to services started after 2 P.M. ; \$450 on Saturday and Sunday, and \$550 on holidays and City observed holidays.

- (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.
- (F) Beginning May 1, 2022 and each May 1 thereafter, grave site prices for the Traditional sections shall increase \$10 annually, to be reassessed every four years coinciding with each City Mayoral election year.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect on June 1, 2021, 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 _____, 2021.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. _____

Synopsis: Adoption of this ordinance will provide for an increase in the fees charged for weekend, holiday and observed holiday inurnments in the Columbarium at Glendale Cemetery effective June 1, 2021, and is reflected as a \$100 per niche site increase for services taking place after 3:00 PM and an additional \$200 increase for services taking place on holidays and observed holidays in the Columbarium.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 92 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ENTITLED "CEMETERIES" BY ADDING SECTION 92.50 ENTITLED "COLUMBARIUM GUIDELINES"

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

Section 1. Chapter 92 of the City of Washington Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by inserting a new Section 50 entitled "Columbarium Rules and Regulations" to read as follows:

"§92.50 COLUMBARIUM RULES AND REGULATIONS

It is understood that the information outline below shall be the procedure for burial in the Glendale Cemetery Columbarium.

- (A) Procedure.
 - (1) No more than two urns can be placed in a double depth niche.
 - (2) No more than one urn in each side-by-side space.
 - (3) No decorations can be placed on the niche or columbarium.
 - (4) The price of a niche in the Glendale Cemetery Columbarium shall be as follows:
 - (a) \$900.00 per double-depth niche.
 - (b) \$900.00 per side-by-side niche (both spaces) purchased at the same time.
 - (c) \$600.00 for a single space in a side-by-side niche, purchased individually.
 - (5) The cost of the niche includes the niche space and open/close fees only. The cost does not include engraving.
 - (6) Engraving is limited to name, date of birth and date of death.
 - (7) Engraving must be ordered through an authorized vendor using an approved size and font type.

- (8) The price for placing cremains/ashes in our Ossuary in the Glendale Cemetery Columbarium shall be \$250.00. The cost includes a small memorial plaque that will be placed on an Ossuary Memorial and is limited to name, year of birth and year of death.
- (9) An additional fee of \$100.00 will be charged for inurnments taking place after 3:00 PM
- (10) An additional fee of \$100.00 will be charged for a Saturday or Sunday inurnment.
- (11) An additional fee of \$200.00 will be charged for a holiday or observed holiday inurnment.
- (12) All other applicable rules and regulations as outlined in Chapter 92 pertain to the Glendale Cemetery Columbarium as well.

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

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