

January 15, 2026

To: Mayor and City Council

Re: Cemetery Rate

Introduction

At a recent meeting, the City Council approved the installation of a columbarium at Crown Hill Cemetery. This addition will provide a dedicated space for the internment of cremains. The decision reflects the growing acceptance of cremation and aims to help families by reducing the financial burden associated with traditional burial options.

Internment Rates and Fee Structure

To accommodate the costs of groundskeeping and ongoing maintenance, the following range of internment rates has been established. City Staff surveyed the cost of cemetery lots in the surrounding communities. These fees are intended to provide options for families while ensuring the continued upkeep of the cemeteries.

Table A-1 Cemetery		
Cemetery Lots, Columbarium Niches, Ossuary	Fees	Code Reference
Ossuary	\$450	
Ossuary Perpetual Maintenance Fee (one time per internment)	\$50	
Columbarium Niches Rows 1 and 2 measured from the lowest levels (Single/Double)	\$700/\$1,400	
Columbarium Niches Rows 3-6 (Single/Double)	\$1,200/\$2,400	
Columbarium Niches Perpetual Maintenance Fee (one time per internment) (single/Double)	\$300/\$600	
Cemetery Lots at Crown Hill and Hillcrest (Single/Double) <i>current rate is \$600</i>	\$1,200/\$2,400	160.080
Cemetery Lots at Crown Hill and Hillcrest Maintenance fee (one time per each lot) (Single/Double) <i>current rate is \$400</i>	\$800/\$1,600	160.080

Amendment to Municipal Code

The above rates reflect amendments to the Schedule of Fees, Title 1, Appendix A, of the Municipal Code pertaining to Cemetery Rates. These changes are designed to respond to community needs and support the sustainability of cemetery operations.