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Legal Department

To: Mayor Campbell and Members of the City Council

From: Judy K. Parks, City Attorney

Date: June 19, 2015

Subject: Fee Resolution Change for Cemetery Lot Rates for Infants

I have been made aware that the Iowa Department of Commerce's Insurance Division recently completed a review of the City's cemetery perpetual care fund. They do this periodically for all cities to make sure such there is adequate funding for perpetual care needs. The Division determined that the City's cemetery lot rate for infant lots, which includes a perpetual care charge, needs to be increased so that it will be in compliance with the minimum rate established under Iowa code.

The City's current perpetual care rate for infant lots is \$130.98 per space with a charge of \$32.73 for perpetual care. The lot rate can remain as is, but the perpetual care charge needs to be increased to \$50.00 to comply with the minimum fee established under state law for that component of service.

A resolution has been prepared to incorporate this increase. It is attached with my recommendation that it be adopted to bring the City's rate into compliance with state law.

RESOLUTION NO.

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING NEW AND REVISED FEES
FOR THE CITY OF AMES, IOWA**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council for the City of Ames, Iowa, that the following fees shall be adopted or adjusted to recover the approximate actual costs of city services from those who use and benefit from these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Ames, Iowa, that fees shall be adopted as follows:

SECTION ONE. The following Ames Municipal Cemetery Fees are hereby adopted or adjusted effective July 1, 2015, and codified as Appendix A:

Fees for Ames Municipal Cemetery

Lots

Adult	\$480.00/space	\$120.00 perpetual care ¹
Infant	\$130.89/space	\$50.00 perpetual care ¹

Interment (Does not include price of lot)

Regular - Adult	\$650.00
Regular - Infant	\$200.00
Saturday - Adult	\$750.00
Saturday - Infant	\$250.00
Sunday - Adult	\$975.00
Sunday - Infant	\$300.00
Holiday - Adult ²	\$975.00
Holiday - Infant ²	\$300.00

For interments that require

Winter rate, add:	\$100.00
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Columbarium

Niche	\$836.00 each	\$209.00 perpetual care ¹
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Interment of Cremation Remains (Does not include price of lot or niche)

Regular	\$350.00
Saturday	\$400.00
Sunday	\$435.00
Holiday ²	\$435.00

Disinterment:

based on actual costs of time and materials; minimum charge is 2 x current charge for interment

Markers & Memorials

Installation service charge	\$25.00 each
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¹ The perpetual care fund is an irrevocable trust; monies deposited into the perpetual care fund are non-refundable. (Iowa Code 523I.807)

² City of Ames holidays are: New Year's Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, two (2) days at Thanksgiving, and two (2) days at Christmas.
(Res. #04-158, 4-27-04)

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Diane R. Voss, City Clerk

Ann H. Campbell, Mayor