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Ordinance No. 2026-19

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CLAREMORE, AMENDING CHAPER 93, SECTIONS 93.03, 93.04, 93.05, 93.06, 93.07, 93.09, 93.10, 93.11, 93.12, 93.13, 93.14, 93.15, 93.18, 93.26, 93.28 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CLAREMORE, OKLAHOMA REGARDING CEMETERY FEES, REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS.

WHEREAS, The City of Claremore, pursuant to the powers delegated to it by the Oklahoma Constitution, Oklahoma Statutes and as a Charter City, has the authority to establish fees for Woodlawn Cemetery; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMORE, OKLAHOMA:

Section No. 1: Amendment. Sections **93.03, 93.04, 93.05, 93.06, 93.07, 93.09, 93.10, 93.11, 93.12, 93.13, 93.14, 93.15, 93.18, 93.26, 93.28** of the City of Claremore Code of Ordinances are hereby amended as follows (all deletions are struck through and all insertions are underlined):

§ 93.03 DOING WORK FOR LOT AND NICHE OWNERS.

Employees of Woodlawn Cemetery are not authorized to do any work for lot and niche owners.

§ 93.04 FEES.

(A) All fees or charges for service shall be payable in advance of burial to ~~the City Clerk's office at City Hall or~~ the Woodlawn ~~e~~Cemetery office.

(B) The following prices and charges shall be in effect:

(1) Four foot by ten foot grave spaces: ~~$500~~ $750.

(2) Single crypt spaces with ledger top: ~~$650~~ $900.

(3) Four foot by four foot grave spaces: ~~$250~~ $400.

(4) Single mausoleum space: ~~$2,500~~ $3,000.

(5) Double mausoleum space: ~~$3,000~~ $3,500.

(6) Opening of ten foot grave spaces:~~$300~~ $500.

(7) Opening of ten foot grave space before 12:00 noon on Saturday: ~~$600~~ $1,000.

(8) Opening of ten foot grave space on holiday or after 12:00 noon on Saturday: ~~$900~~ $1,500.

(9) Opening of four foot grave space: ~~$200~~ $300.

(10) Opening of four foot grave space before 12:00 noon on Saturday: ~~$350~~ $600.

(11) Opening of four foot grave space on holiday or after 12:00 noon on Saturday: ~~$500~~ $900.

(12) Opening of grave space for burial of cremation remains without graveside service: ~~$225~~ $300.

(13) Opening of grave space for burial of cremation remains without graveside service before 12:00 noon on Saturday: ~~$450~~ $600.

(14) Opening of grave space for burial of cremation remains without graveside service on holiday or after 12:00 noon on Saturday: ~~$675~~ $900.

(15) Marker location: $50.

(16) Disinterment~~s~~: ~~$1,000~~ $1,500 plus opening and closing costs.

(17) Reinterment~~s~~: ~~$500~~ $1,250, plus opening and closing costs, plus grave space cost.

(18) Government marker or pad setting: ~~$100~~ $200 (~~Pads $80~~).

(19) Columbarium Niche (singe/double) $1250 – includes initial open/close and standard engraving – Saturday and or Holiday opening will cost extra.

(20) Additional Open/Close of Niche: $150 plus + additional engraving as needed.

(21) Open/Close of Niche Before 12:00 noon on Saturday: $300

(22) Open/Close of Niche Before 12:00 noon on Holiday or after 12:00 noon on Saturday: $600

§ 93.05 USE OF GRAVE AND NICHE SPACES.

Grave spaces and niches shall be used for no other purpose than the burial of the human ~~dead~~ remains.

§ 93.06 WREATHS AND FLOWERS; SHRUBS AND OTHER ARTICLES.

Permission will be granted for funeral homes and individuals to place wreaths and flowers and temporary plants on graves for funerals and holidays, after which they shall be removed. No planting of shrubs, flowers or the like shall be permitted, and no articles of any nature shall be placed upon the surface of the grave spaces, except as herein specifically set out. No decorations will be allowed in, on, or around the Columbarium.

§ 93.07 IMPROVEMENTS, PADS, AND MARKERS.

Grave space and niche owners shall create or erect no improvements, monuments, markers, or otherwise install anything or structure upon any grave space or niche. Such improvements, monuments, ~~or~~ markers, and pads ~~as~~ may be installed ~~shall be done~~ by or under the direction of the Superintendent of the Cemetery Department or other authorized employees.

§ 93.09 PROHIBITED ITEMS.

Glass containers, private benches, urns, boxes, statues, shells, or other similar articles of any description, being inconsistent with the intended use of the cemetery are prohibited; and such articles, if found ~~in~~ at the cemetery or columbarium, shall be immediately removed.

§ 93.10 INTERMENT; CONSENT OF OWNER; NOTICE.

No interment will be permitted in any grave space or niche without the written order and consent of the owner or the owner's representative. Twenty-four hours prior notice is required before any interment, provided that with regard to Saturday morning funerals, notice thereof shall be given by noon on the preceding Thursday.

§ 93.11 ~~ONE~~ INTERMENT ~~PER GRAVE~~ AND CREMATION LIMITATIONS PER SPACE.

No more than one ~~body~~ interment shall be ~~buried~~ permitted in a single grave space, except that ~~for exceptional cases granted by the City Manager and no more than~~ two ~~cremated remains~~ cremations ~~shall be buried~~ may be placed ~~in~~ within a single ~~grave~~ space or one normal interment and one cremation may be placed in a single space.

§ 93.12 DISINTERMENT.

No disinterment shall be made in any space or niche unless the same is paid for, as well as with the charge of opening and closing the place of disinterment. Disinterment shall be allowed only with the consent of the city, which consent shall be obtained upon presentation of suitable credentials and upon the written request of the owner of the space or the owner's representative.

§ 93.13 INTERMENT NOT TO BE MADE BEFORE PAYMENT.

No interment shall be made in any niche, space, or in a lot unless the same is paid for in advance, as well as with the charge of opening and closing the place of interment.

§ 93.14 CHARGES TO BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

All charges for the purchase price of actual spaces or niches for interment and all interment fees, disinterment fees, foundation charges, stone setting charges or other work services for which charges and fees are imposed, shall be paid in advance and before the services are performed.

§ 93.15 TIME OF INTERMENTS; BURIALS.

Interments and funerals may be conducted in Woodlawn Cemetery between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or as authorized by the City Manager on Saturdays and city holidays. Funerals authorized by the City Manager to be held on Saturdays or city holidays shall be conducted between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

§ 93.18 VASES AND DECORATIONS.

Vases can be installed in the cemetery pad, but must be standard with the monument industry. Any vase improperly installed is subject to removal by the city at the owner's expense. All decorations shall be removed by the owner or the city five days after Memorial Day. No vases or decorations are permitted in, on, or around the columbarium.

§ 93.26 PRICE AND AVAILABILITY OF LOTS AND SPACES.

Information concerning the price and availability of lots, niches, and spaces in the cemetery will be furnished by the Cemetery Superintendent ~~or the City Clerk~~.

§ 93.28 CEMETERY CARE FUND.

Not less that~~t~~n 30% of all monies received from the sale of lots, interments and stone settings shall be segregated and set aside as a permanent care fund to be known as a Cemetery Care Fund. The Cemetery Care Fund shall be expended for purchasing lands for cemeteries and for making capital improvements if necessary. The balance of the funds may be invested by the governing body of the city in the manner provided by law for investments of municipal funds. Only the interest from the investments shall be used in improving, caring for and embellishing the lots, walks, drives, parks and any other necessary improvements in such cemeteries.

Section No. 2: The City Clerk is hereby ordered and directed to cause this Ordinance to be published as required by law.

Section No. 3. Severability.

If any provision of this ordinance is held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect. The City Council declares that it would have adopted the valid portions without the invalid or unenforceable provision.

Section No. 4. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed only to the extent of the conflict.

Section No. 5. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2027.

Passed and approved the 19th day of October, 2026.

CITY OF CLAREMORE, OKLAHOMA

Debbie Long

Debbie Long, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Sharp

Sarah Sharp, City Clerk

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