



Agenda Item Report City Council – September 11, 2023

Item

Burial Vault Requirements

Responsible Staff Contact

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Recommendations

Adopt Ordinance to amend the Rules and Regulations for Douglas Municipal Cemeteries to require all burials be in a permanent type grave liner or vault.

Revise City Ordinance 12.24.120 to include the same.

Executive Summary

In an effort to minimize grave settling causing safety and maintenance issues, as well as concerns for ground water contamination, all burials will be required to have a permanent-type grave liner or vault.

Background

Currently the City code does not require burial vaults. In the course of discussing and researching green burial standards, it is difficult to differentiate between decomposable burial containers and standard wooden caskets. Decomposed burial containers cause the area above the grave to settle, sink and collapse. To remain consistent in all cases and progressing to current standard practices consistent with municipal cemeteries in Wyoming, burial vaults should be required.

Alignment to Strategic Goals and/or Other Plans

Alignment to Strategic Doing (SD) and/or Other Plans

<u>SD24 Outcome</u>	n/a
<u>SD24 Strategy</u>	n/a
<u>SD24 KPI</u>	n/a
<u>2014 Master Plan</u>	n/a
<u>2015 Downtown Master Plan</u>	n/a

Budget/Fiscal Impact

<u>Fund/Department</u>	n/a
<u>Project/Line Item(s)</u>	n/a
<u>Budgeted Amount</u>	n/a
<u>Anticipated Amount</u>	n/a

Action Requested/Recommended Motion

Adopt a Resolution to amend the Rules and Regulations for Douglas Municipal Cemeteries to require all burials be in a permanent-type grave liner or vault. Revise City Ordinance 12.24.120 to include the same.



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- Community Development
- Law Enforcement
- City Administrator
- City Clerk

- Public Works
- Legal
- Finance