

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

To: Mayor Graham and City Council
From: MJ Hutchison, Parks & Recreation Director and
 Walter Denton, City Administrator
Date: December 21, 2009
Subject: Cemetery Fees

List of committees that have reviewed: Parks & Environment reviewed on December 14, 2009.

Background:

Cemetery fee report was presented and reviewed. The Committee reviewed comparable information regarding interment fees, cost of graves, and transfer fees. The Cemetery fees have not been increased since December of 1999. In that time period, cost has increased a minimum of 30%. The Parks Department has held the cost down with the incorporation of new equipment, personnel reductions and near elimination of Public Works support. The fee increase is to start recovering all direct cost associated with interments. The following charges for services have been established for recommendation to the Council:

Interment fees:

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Adult</u> | <u>Infant 0-2</u> | <u>Cremation</u> |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Weekdays | \$ 800 | \$300 | \$250 |
| Weekends/Holidays | \$1,000 | \$350 | \$300 |

Cost of Graves:

Infant grave: Free to O’Fallon Residents
 \$250 Non-Residents to be divided \$125.00 for grave fee \$125.00 for perpetual care

Adult grave: \$600, to be divided \$300 for grave fee and \$300 for perpetual care

Transfer Fee:

Transfer fee of \$25.00 will be charged per transaction, sold or transferred. No additional charge will be assessed for perpetual care fee when a grave lot is sold or transferred

Legal Considerations, if any: None

Budget Impact: Direct cost recovery

Staff recommendation: Staff recommends rate increase

