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SECTION 100. OAK LAWN CEMETERY

The following tract of real estate owned by the City of Tulsa, as successor to the Incorporated Town of Tulsa, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, to-wit:

The South half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section One (1), Township Nineteen (19) North, Range Twelve (12) East, and all of Block Four (4) except lots One (1) and Two (2); all in Oak Lawn Addition to the City of Tulsa as shown by the recorded plat thereof, shall be known as Oak Lawn Cemetery.

SECTION 101. SUPERVISION

Oak Lawn Cemetery and any other cemeteries now owned or hereafter acquired by the City shall be under the supervision and control of the Mayor who shall have the power to adopt and enforce such rules and regulations for the maintenance and care of those cemeteries as to him shall seem necessary and proper and not in conflict with the Revised Ordinances of the City of Tulsa. The subdividing of lots and the laying out, defining and establishing of drives, walks and public ways in the City shall be by the City Engineer.

SECTION 102. CEMETERY SEXTON

The Cemetery Sexton shall keep City cemeteries in a good state of repair, shall keep the weeds mowed in the cemeteries and in a space of three (3) feet on the outside of cemetery fences. He shall dig all graves and fill them at the time of burials.

Ord. Nos. 113, 4503

SECTION 103. SALE OF LOTS

All lots sold in City cemeteries shall be sold, subject to the provisions of this section.

A. Paid in Full Before Interment. Persons desiring to acquire lots in cemeteries or to have interments made upon lots already owned shall obtain from the City Clerk the correct description and cost of such lot or grave, and shall pay the entire amount of the cost of such lot or grave into the Office of the Director of Finance. It shall be the duty of the Director of Finance to issue receipts in triplicate for such payment. The original receipt shall be delivered to the purchaser of the lot, the duplicate of the receipt shall be given to the City Clerk, and the triplicate of the receipt shall be retained by the Director of Finance. No lot or parcel of lot or any interest therein shall be sold to any person other than the City until the provisions of this section shall have been complied with, and no interment shall be made by any person until the lot wherein the interment is to be made shall have been paid for in full, in cash. The price of lots shall be prescribed by ordinance.

B. Mayor Executes Deed. Any person holding a receipt for the payment of any lot in City cemeteries shall be entitled to a deed for the lot, and it shall be the duty of the Mayor to execute the deed and have it attested by the City Clerk; provided that all deeds, when executed, shall be construed as granting the right only to use the lot or lots for burial purposes for the interment of the grantee, or his relatives, descendants, and such other persons as may be permitted by the grantee. Such burial right shall not be transferable by either voluntary or involuntary conveyance without the express consent of the Mayor.

C. City May Repurchase - Other Sales Invalid. No owner of any lot or parcel of lot shall sell the whole or any part thereof, except that the City of Tulsa may repurchase the lot or parcel of lot whenever the Mayor shall, after investigation of a particular case, agree to repurchase a lot formerly sold. No money, except One Dollar (\$1.00), shall be repaid to the original purchaser until the lot has been resold by the City, and the original purchaser shall receive, upon reconveyance by him of the lot or lots, only the amount of money which shall be received from such resale, less One Dollar (\$1.00). No interment shall be allowed until full payment for the lot or lots or any part thereof has been made.

Ord. Nos. 1500, 4503

SECTION 104. GRAVE REGULATIONS

All graves shall be dug by employees of the City. A reasonable charge will be made in an amount to be prescribed by ordinance, and shall be uniform in all cases. The graves of adults must be at least four and one-half (4-1/2) feet deep, and those of children under the age of fifteen (15) years of age, not less than four (4) feet deep. In case of contagious diseases, the Mayor shall have the power to prescribe the kind of casket and depth of grave. All graves shall be sodded over by the City at its own expense with mounds not to exceed four (4) inches of elevation in the center with rounded sides and ends. The graves shall be cared for by the City. No curbing or fence shall be allowed or upon any grave or lot; nor shall any lot or grave be raised except as provided in this section.

Ord. No. 669

SECTION 105. SHRUBBERY REGULATIONS

No person shall plant any trees, shrubbery, flowers or plants of any description within City cemeteries except by direction of the Mayor.

Ord. No. 1500

SECTION 106. MONUMENTS

The proprietor of each lot shall have the right to erect stone markers or monuments lying flush with the ground, so as not to interfere with proper care of the grass. He shall have no right to erect any mausoleum, stone monuments, or other structure not lying flush with the surface; provided, however, that the Mayor, upon application particularly describing the mausoleum, monument or other structure desired to be erected, may grant a special permit in writing, particularly describing the structure to be erected, if the Mayor finds that the structure will be in harmony with structures already in the cemetery and will not interfere with the care thereof.

SECTION 107. DOGS PROHIBITED

No dogs shall be allowed within cemetery grounds.

Ord. No. 669

SECTION 108. POTTER'S FIELD

It shall be the duty of the Mayor to set apart a certain portion of the cemetery grounds for the use and benefit of the poor, which shall be known as the "Potter's Field," where all persons who are unable to purchase lots shall have the right to inter their dead free of charge; provided, however, that all persons who wish to inter their dead in the Potter's Field shall first procure a permit from the Director of the Tulsa City-County

Health Department, which permit shall give them the right to bury in the Potter's Field only.

Ord. No. 113

SECTION 109. PREVIOUS ACTS RATIFIED

All acts of any nature or kind which have been performed by any Cemetery Board, heretofore appointed by the Mayor of the Incorporated City or its governing body, pertaining to the selection, purchase, surveying, fencing and platting of the cemetery ground, or in any other way appertaining to the same, is hereby ratified.

Ord. No. 113

SECTION 110. PENALTY

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of an offense and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00), including costs.

Ord. No. 16530

CHAPTER 2**UNCLAIMED BODIES**

Section 200. Dead on Arrival Procedures

Section 201. Rotation Schedule among Funeral Establishments for Bodies with no Placement Instructions

SECTION 200. DEAD ON ARRIVAL PROCEDURE

All operators and certified personnel shall comply with the provisions of Title 63 O.S., § 931, *et seq.*, when the subject of the call is dead upon the arrival of emergency or medical personnel at the scene. Determination of one's death shall be made in accordance with applicable state statutes and established protocols, referenced in part in Title 37-A, Tulsa Revised Ordinances.

SECTION 201. ROTATION SCHEDULE AMONG FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS FOR BODIES WITH NO PLACEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

In the event of a "dead on arrival" or a body which is available to be released under state law and is located at a hospital or other medical facility, if the next of kin, or other responsible person, gives no instruction to the facility operator and/or individual providing ambulance service directing the place where the body shall be taken, the body shall be delivered to the funeral establishment of a licensed funeral director of the City on a rotational basis established as follows:

A. Each interested funeral establishment certified by the Oklahoma State Funeral Board as doing business in the City shall notify the City Clerk of the City of Tulsa of its intent to participate in the rotation schedule. Such participation may be withdrawn with at least thirty (30) days written notice to the City Clerk for the City of Tulsa, otherwise, it remains effective as long as the funeral establishment legally remains in business in the City. If the license to do business in the City of Tulsa is suspended or revoked, the funeral establishment shall immediately notify the City Clerk, and the funeral establishment shall be removed from the rotation schedule for the period of the suspension or revocation.

B. The City Clerk shall list the participating funeral establishments on a schedule in the order of receipt of their notification. This schedule shall be distributed to the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA), the Telecommunications / Dispatch department of the City of Tulsa, each funeral establishment participating in the rotation, and any other person or entity requesting a copy of the schedule.

C. Each funeral establishment listed on the schedule shall receive bodies under their rotation schedule for a period of one (1) week, after which, the next funeral establishment so listed shall receive all such bodies for one (1) week, until all funeral establishments comprising the total list have participated, at which time the rotation schedule shall repeat itself. Each week shall start at 6:00 a.m. on Monday morning and continue until 6:00 a.m. the following Monday morning. The date and time of the call shall be determined as of the date and time the body has been released by all appropriate authorities as determined by the entity then in possession of the body.

D. If a funeral establishment cannot take possession of the body, as soon as practicable, it shall notify and explain the situation to the City, either orally or in writing, and request another funeral establishment be authorized to take possession of the body.

If a funeral establishment does not take possession of a body within twenty-four (24) hours after the call requesting transport service is made and has not notified the City as provided herein, the City may authorize the next funeral establishment in the rotation to take possession of the body. In such event, the funeral establishment shall submit a written explanation for the failure to the City Clerk within ten (10) calendar days.

E. The City Clerk shall review participation requests, conduct hearings, and make the determinations required for the proper and efficient implementation and enforcement of the requirements of this chapter.

Ord. No. 21932