

INTRODUCED: March 5, 2021

AN ORDINANCE No. 2021-055

To amend the fees set forth in the City Code for sections 7-6 (concerning fees for interments, disinterments, reinterments and entombments), 7-15 (concerning fees for installation of foundation for monuments or grave markers), and 7-92 (concerning fees for burial spaces and lots) of the City Code, to establish revised charges for certain cemeteries services.

Patron – Mayor Stoney

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: APR 12 2021 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That sections 7-6, 7-15, and 7-92 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020) be and are hereby **amended** and reordained as follows:

Sec. 7-6. Service charges for interments, disinterments, reinterments and entombments.

(a) Services in connection with or incident to interments, disinterments and reinterments shall be provided by the Director upon payment of the charges prescribed therefor as set out in this section, which may be increased or decreased or otherwise modified at any time or from time to time by the Council, provided that the Director may provide such services without payment of such charges when the payment is guaranteed, in writing, by a licensed funeral director or

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monument dealer having a place of business in the City, in the City of Petersburg, or in the counties of Hanover, Henrico and Chesterfield, and when so guaranteed, the funeral director or monument dealer shall pay the charges to the City at such time not exceeding ten days after such charge is presented to the funeral director or monument dealer, unless such charges have theretofore been paid. Failure to pay service charges for interments, disinterments, reinterments and entombments when due shall be subject to the penalties and interest provided for in Code of Virginia, § 15.2-105. The service charges for the preparation of space for interments or entombments shall be as follows:

(1)	Adult grave preparation:	
	a. Weekdays	[\$1,195.00] <u>\$1,255.00</u>
	b. Saturdays	[\$1,390.00] <u>\$1,460.00</u>
	c. [Sundays and holidays] <u>Holidays</u>	[\$1,510.00] <u>\$1,585.00</u>
(2)	Preparation of burial space for an adult graveside service, in addition to the applicable charge in subsection (1) of this table	[\$240.00] <u>\$250.00</u>
(3)	Preparation of child grave, children or baby section:	
	a. Weekdays	\$550.00
	b. Saturdays	\$660.00
	c. [Sundays and holidays] <u>Holidays</u>	\$770.00
(4)	Cremated remains:	
	a. Weekdays	\$600.00
	b. Saturdays	\$725.00
	c. [Sundays and holidays] <u>Holidays</u>	\$770.00
(5)	Rate for recordkeeping, not otherwise covered	\$100.00
(6)	Hourly rate for labor not covered by schedule of charges	\$100.00
(7)	Charge for extra tent	\$100.00
(8)	Charge for extra chairs (six)	\$30.00

(b) The charges for disinterment and for reinterment shall be as follows:

For a person over the age of 12 years	\$1,200.00
In all other cases	\$800.00
Reinterment, in all cases	\$800.00

(c) The charge for the admission of a funeral procession to a cemetery on any day shall be as follows:

After 3:30 p.m. and until 4:00 p.m.	\$360.00
After 4:00 p.m. and until 4:30 p.m.	\$410.00
After 4:30 p.m. and until 5:00 p.m.	\$440.00

(d) No funeral procession shall be admitted to a cemetery after 5:00 p.m.

(e) The time referred to in this section is Eastern Standard Time or Daylight Savings Time, as appropriate.

(f) Charges for preparation of burial spaces for the interment of persons interred at the expense of the City shall be the same as those herein prescribed for the interment of others. Such charges shall be paid by the Department of Social Services.

(g) The charges for the preparation of burial space for a double-depth interment shall be in addition to the foregoing applicable charge in this section and shall be \$1,200.00.

(h) The holidays referred to in this schedule are holidays falling on January 1 (New Year's Day), the third Monday in January (birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.), third Monday in February (Washington's birthday), Easter Monday, the last Monday in May (Memorial Day observance), July 4 (Independence Day), the first Monday in September (Labor Day), the Friday following Thanksgiving, the time observed as Christmas Eve, and the day observed as the Christmas holiday, if other than December 25. Whenever any of such days shall fall on Sunday, the Monday next following such day shall be the holiday.

Sec. 7-15. Charges for installation of foundation for monument or grave marker.

(a) For the installation of a foundation for a monument, grave marker or any other marker, including a government marker, structure or similar installation a charge shall be charged for the foundation and installation of all upright markers and shall be as follows:

Per square inch of base surface space for the installation of any foundation	\$0.80
Minimum charge	[\$160.00] \$180.00
Charge for foundation and installation of all flat government-issued markers	\$200.00
Charge for foundation and installation of all upright markers	\$275.00

Sec. 7-92. Charges for care of burial spaces and lots.

(a) Burial rights in and to burial spaces and lots shall be granted by the Director upon payment of the charges prescribed therefor as set out in this section which may be increased or decreased or otherwise modified at any time and from time to time by the City Council, provided that the Director may provide, when requested by a licensed funeral director having a place of business in the City, in the City of Petersburg, or in the counties of Hanover, Henrico and Chesterfield, for deferred payment of burial rights in lots when the payment of such charges is guaranteed, in writing, by the funeral director and an amount not less than one-third of the charges is paid when such charge is presented to the funeral director and the balance of such charges is paid in full within 90 days. No additional interments in a lot shall be made until such charges are paid in full.

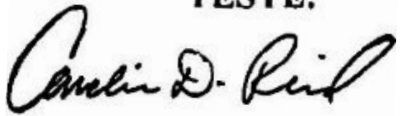
(b) Perpetual care and limited seasonal care of burial spaces and lots shall be provided by the Director upon payment of the charges prescribed therefor as set forth in this subsection, which may be increased or decreased or otherwise modified at any time and from time to time by the City Council. The prescribed charges shall be as follows:

(1) Perpetual care:		
a.	For a single burial space, the burial rights in and to which were acquired prior to January 5, 1951	\$90.00
b.	For a single burial space, including perpetual care	[\$1,025.00] <u>\$1,075.00</u>
c.	For each lot space, the burial rights in and to which were acquired prior to January 5, 1951, per square foot	\$5.25
d.	For each square foot of the area contained therein, in no case less than	\$170.00
e.	For lot space being offered for sale, including perpetual care and not fronting a driveway or roadway, per square foot	[\$26.70] <u>\$34.70</u>
f.	For lot space being offered for sale, including perpetual care and fronting a driveway or roadway and to a depth of 20 feet, per square foot	[\$28.60] <u>\$36.60</u>
g.	Lots or burial spaces in historic Shockoe Hill Cemetery, including perpetual care:	
	1. For double-depth lots being offered for sale more than 200 feet from the grave site of Chief Justice John Marshall or Governor Cabell	\$2,600.00
	2. For a single burial space more than 200 feet from the grave site of Chief Justice John Marshall or Governor Cabell	\$1,350.00
	3. For double-depth lots being offered for sale within 200 feet of the grave site of Chief Justice John Marshall or Governor Cabell	\$7,000.00
	4. For a single burial space within 200 feet of the grave site of Chief Justice John Marshall or Governor Cabell	\$5,000.00
h.	For a single burial space in the children's section or cremains section	\$440.00
i.	For a child or baby space less than 48 inches in length (Department of Social Services) in the children's section of Oakwood, Riverview and Maury cemeteries	\$400.00
j.	Any child requiring an adult grave will be charged for the price of an adult grave	
k.	For a single adult burial space in the Memorial Park Section	[\$800.00] <u>\$900.00</u>
(2) Limited seasonal care:		
a.	For a single adult burial space (Department of Social Services) in the single grave section of Oakwood, Riverview and Maury cemeteries	\$850.00

	b. Reservation fee (nonrefundable) to hold an adjoining single grave site for up to 90 days following the date of interment, at which time the reserved grave site will be purchased or the reservation will be vacated	\$100.00
(3)	<u>Non-refundable deposit fee towards the purchase of pre-need burial spaces and lots on an installment plan</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>

(c) Charitable, eleemosynary, fraternal, philanthropic or religious organizations that make an initial purchase of 25 or more burial spaces will pay ten percent less per burial space for that initial purchase. Further, such organizations that make subsequent purchases of ten or more burial spaces at a later time than their initial purchase of 25 or more burial spaces will pay ten percent less per burial space for that subsequent purchase.

§ 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect on July 1, 2021.

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City Clerk