

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ISSAQUAH, WASHINGTON, IMPLEMENTING A BURIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OWNED HILLSIDE CEMETERY.

WHEREAS, the City of Issaquah is the owner of the Hillside Cemetery, and

WHEREAS, under Ordinance No. 2886 the City Council authorized the approval of a Burial Assistance Program by council resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Cemetery Board and City Administration have proposed a program that the City Council believes address the concerns of the council and is in the public interest; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ISSAQUAH, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Burial Assistance Program. That certain Burial Assistance Program attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference, is hereby approved and effective the 15th day of January, 2020.

Section 2. Modification. The Burial Assistance Program may be modified as provided for in the approved program or by subsequent resolution of the City Council.

PASSED by the City Council this 6th day of January, 2020.



VICTORIA HUNT, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED by the Mayor this 6th day of January, 2020.



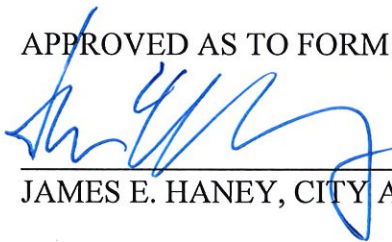
MARY LOU PAULY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CHRISTINE L. EGGERS, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



JAMES E. HANEY, CITY ATTORNEY

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EXHIBIT A – Burial Assistance Program

The Issaquah Cemetery Board, at its December 5, 2019 meeting discussed and made recommendation to the City Council for the creation of a Burial Assistance Program providing certain burial/internment services to low income persons at the city-owned Hillside Cemetery.

This program is intended to provide a reduction in certain fees and charges for burial/internment services to qualifying persons. The Program shall be administered by the Parks and Recreation Director or their designee consistent with the intent of this program.

Level of Financial Assistance and Qualifying Fees

- A 50% reduction in the Fee(s) for qualified candidates.
- Applies to Full-Size and Half-Size Graves only.

Eligibility

- The decedent must be or have been a City of Issaquah resident within the past 10 years.
- The decedent's estate and surviving spouse or state registered domestic partner, if any, must have available cash and/or other liquid-able assets of less than \$10,000.
- The decedent's surviving spouse or state registered domestic partner, if any, must be at or below 40% Average Median Income (AMI) for King County.

Application and Approval

- Application made at the time of burial. Any pre-purchase of plots or half-plots are not eligible for the Burial Assistance Program.
- The application will review and consider the financial income and other liquid-able fiscal assets of the decedent and surviving spouse or state registered domestic partner.
- The city's operating partner, Flintoft's is the first point of contact with customers. As such, they will provide the initial application and first review.
- Flintoft's and the City will provide final review and joint approval under the direction of the Parks and Recreation Director or designee.

Program Budget

This program will be supported within the Cemetery Fund. A \$5,000 annual maximum cap will be placed upon Burial Assistance Program.