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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM NO. 91-11

FROM: Municipal Services

DATE: July 16, 1991

SUBJECT: Ordinance Serial No. 91-24; Proposed Cemetery
Regulation Changes

This memorandum tries to set forth the proposed changes to Cemetery operations in easy to read language.

1. Sets the long term goal of the City someday being out of the Cemetery business other than perpetual maintenance of the existing site. Sets aside an area for a crematorium. Council may not agree with this goal and may wish to go in another direction. Section 13.16.014 reserves a crematorium site.
2. Separates all cemetery revenue received from the old Association and from all lot sales since that date into a separate accounting fund. The idea here is to be able to fund perpetual care from interest earnings at the point all lots are sold and eliminate or lessen the need for tax support.

Lot Sales

Inception - 06/30/91	\$ 34,505
Remaining lots (East Division) 407 @ \$125.00 ea.	50,875
Estimated new lots (West Division) 1,000 @ \$125.00 ea.	<u>125,000</u>
	\$210,380

Interest at 5% = \$10,500 annual for operations and maintenance. Section 13.16.025.

3. Establishes 50 year reversion back to the City of unused lots. Section 13.16.030(B).
4. Prevents profit making by eliminating third party sales. Section 13.16.030(E).
5. Establishes disinterment procedures. Section 13.16.030(F).

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6. Establishes regulations for New Section (West Division).
Section 13.16.045.
7. Establishes standards for cremation burials. . Section
13.16.050 (B) .
8. Establishes procedures for excavators. Section
13.16.050 (C) .
9. Increases lot prices to \$200.00 from \$125.00. Section
13.16.030 (B) .



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CHAPTER 13.16WASILLA AURORA CEMETERYSECTIONS:

- 13.16.010 Purpose
- 13.16.020 Exercise of Powers
- 13.16.030 Administration
- 13.16.040 Maintenance
- 13.16.050 Operation

13.16.010 Purpose. The City of Wasilla hereby assumes Cemetery powers to serve the residents of the City of Wasilla as set forth in AS 29.35.010 and 1.08.050 of this Code. (Ord. W80-S-2)

13.16.020 Exercise of Powers.

A. Administration. The Mayor shall be responsible for general administration of the Wasilla Aurora Cemetery and shall promulgate rules and regulations subject to approval by Council.

B. Financial. All receipts from sales of Cemetery plots shall be deposited in the general fund and appropriations of these funds shall be limited to Cemetery purposes. (Ord. W80-S-2)

13.16.030 Administration.

A. Any grave plot may be purchased or reserved by purchase, on a first come, first served basis by any person, regardless of race, creed, color or religion, by payment to the City Clerk of the required purchase fee established by Council.

B. The purchase fee of each grave lot is One Hundred Twenty Five dollars (\$125.00). The purchase fee of each cemetery plot is Five Hundred dollars (\$500.00).

C. The City Administration will continue the designation of the three sections of Aurora Cemetery as the Catholic Section, the Veterans Section, and the General Section. Persons purchasing grave sites shall be informed of the designated areas but may purchase grave plots in any of the the three areas they may choose.

D. The City Administration shall maintain permanent record indicating the lot and plot numbers, names and date of burial of all deceased persons interred in Aurora Cemetery. A properly complete State of Alaska Burial Permit shall be provided to the City Clerk by Funeral Directors, Embalmers, Executors, or other persons or agencies lawfully permitted and required to execute Burial Permits. Such permits shall be permanently maintained on file by the City.

E. Records shall be maintained by the City Administration that indicate pre-purchased or reserved grave lots and plots, the name and address of the purchaser, and the date of purchase. The City shall not authorize the use of pre-purchased or reserved grave plots to anyone other than the purchaser or properly designated representative of the purchaser. A purchaser may relinquish rights to any unused plot and receive full refund of the purchase price. (Ord. 82-28; Ord 85-39)

13.16.040 Maintenance.

A. Headstones, plaques or other memorial markers may be placed on the Westerly end of each Grave plot but shall not extend beyond the width of the grave plot, nor extend more than Thirty (30) inches from the Westerly end of the plot.

B. Fences, rock outlines or other structures are not permitted except as provided in 13.16.040(A) above. The ground surface of all grave plots shall be maintained to be level and at the same elevation as the surrounding surface.

C. Planting or placement of flowers on the grave plot within twenty-four (24) inches of a memorial marker or from the Westerly end of the plot is permitted. Planting or placing shrubs, flowering bushes or trees that exceed three (3) feet in height or beyond the longitudinal limits stated herein are prohibited. Plants, flowers, and containers placed beyond the dimensions stated herein for more than forty-eight (48) hours shall be considered abandoned and may be removed and discarded by City employees.

D. Structures, other than headstones or memorial plaques that do not comply with the provisions of this section may be removed and discarded by City employees after one hundred twenty (120) days following adoption of this section. (Ord. 82-28)

13.16.050 Operation.

A. The City will contract for excavation and backfill services at the Wasilla Aurora Cemetery. A deposit shall be collected from the requestor. Fees for excavation and backfill services provided by the City shall be actual contractor cost plus twenty five percent (25%) administration fee.

1. Waiver. Hardship cases will be reviewed and if necessary waived at the discretion of the Mayor.

B. The City will make available written information and instructions for excavation of graves. All grave excavations shall be a minimum of three (3) feet wide, six (6) feet deep, and seven (7) feet six (6) inches long. (Ord. 82-28 1982; 85-39 \$2 & 3, 1985)

WASILLA AURORA CEMETERY
 LOT SALES BY CALENDAR YEAR & SECTION
 CONVERTED TO FISCAL YEAR BASIS 6/30/90

YEAR	PRICE	GENERAL	CATHOLIC	NEW	VETERANS	TOTAL	YEARLY TOTAL	CULMATIVE TOTAL
1948	\$5	11	0	0	0	11	\$55	\$55
1949	\$5	2	0	0	0	2	\$10	\$65
1950	\$5	8	0	0	1	9	\$45	\$110
1951	\$5	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$110
1952	\$5	1	0	0	0	1	\$5	\$115
1953	\$5	1	0	0	1	2	\$10	\$125
1954	\$5	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$125
1955	\$5	2	0	0	0	2	\$10	\$135
1956	\$5	1	0	0	1	2	\$10	\$145
1957	\$5	7	0	0	0	7	\$35	\$180
1958	\$5	3	0	0	0	3	\$15	\$195
1959	\$10	12	0	0	0	12	\$120	\$315
1960	\$10	31	0	0	0	31	\$310	\$625
1961	\$10	10	0	0	0	10	\$100	\$725
1962	\$10	7	2	0	1	10	\$100	\$825
1963	\$10	12	0	0	0	12	\$220	\$1,045
1964	\$10	4	0	0	0	4	\$40	\$1,085
1965	\$10	32	0	0	4	36	\$360	\$1,445
1966	\$10	14	0	0	0	14	\$140	\$1,585
1967	\$10	0	0	0	2	2	\$20	\$1,605
1968	\$10	4	1	0	4	9	\$90	\$1,695
1969	\$10	8	1	0	3	12	\$120	\$1,815
1970	\$10	12	8	0	5	25	\$250	\$2,065
1971	\$10	8	4	0	2	14	\$140	\$2,205
1972	\$10	1	0	0	0	1	\$10	\$2,215
1972	\$25	4	0	0	2	6	\$150	\$2,365
1973	\$25	12	4	0	0	17	\$425	\$2,790
1974	\$25	14	0	0	0	14	\$350	\$3,140
1975	\$25	14	0	0	0	14	\$350	\$3,490
1976	\$10	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$3,490
1976	\$25	22	4	0	1	27	\$675	\$4,165
1977	\$25	29	0	0	0	29	\$725	\$4,890
1978	\$25	16	0	0	0	16	\$400	\$5,290
1979	\$25	32	9	0	4	45	\$1,125	\$6,415
1980	\$25	9	6	0	0	15	\$375	\$6,790
1981	\$25	4	0	0	0	4	\$100	\$7,060
1982	\$25	18	5	0	0	23	\$575	\$7,635
1983	\$25	10	14	0	0	24	\$600	\$8,235
1983	\$50	18	7	0	1	26	\$1,300	\$9,535
1984	\$50	30	5	0	7	42	\$2,100	\$11,635
1985	\$50	29	6	0	7	42	\$2,100	\$13,735
1986	\$50	2	6	0	0	8	\$400	\$14,135
1986*	\$100	0	0	0	0	0	\$200	\$14,335
1986	\$125	7	7	0	0	14	\$2,750	\$17,085
1986**	\$120	1	0	0	0	1	\$120	\$17,205
1987	\$125	14	2	0	10	26	\$4,750	\$21,955
1988	\$125	7	2	0	6	16	\$2,000	\$23,955
1989	\$125	7	1	0	10	27	\$3,375	\$27,330
1990	\$125	2	0	0	0	2	\$250	\$27,580
1991	\$125	5	12	10	1	37	\$4,625	\$32,205
CULMATIVE		499	120	24	112	765	\$34,505	

CEMETERY LOT COST SURVEY
August 05, 1991

CITY	PHONE	COST/COMMENTS
Anchorage	344-1311	Angelus Memorial Park/\$690.00 to \$1,575.00 - Adults, \$250.00 to \$325.00 - Infants. Costs include required vault and opening closing.
	278-1743	Municipality of Anchorage/No fee. Mandatory burial charge of \$600.00.
Barrow	852-5211	No fee.
Cordova	424-6200	\$200.00
Dillingham	842-5211	No fee. Private/Local churches.
Fairbanks	459-6881	\$200.00, with opening & closing \$250.00.
Galena	656-1301	No fee. Private.
Haines	766-2231	\$250.00
Homer	235-8121	\$100.00
Kenai	283-7539	\$150.00 - Adults, \$100.00 - Infants.
Ketchikan	225-3111	\$785.00 + \$25.00 recording fee.
Kodiak	486-8636	No fee. Burial Permit \$10.00. Excavation charge \$60.00, with thaw \$110.00.
Kotzebue	442-3401	No fee. Private/Local churches.
Nenana	832-5501	No fee.
Nome	443-5242	No fee.
Palmer	745-3681	Memorial Gardens/\$100.00.
Butte	344-1311	Angelus Memorial/\$780.00 to \$1,440.00. Costs include required vault and opening & closing.
Petersburg	772-4430	\$200.00
Seward	224-3331	No fee at present. Currently writing regulation.
Valdez	835-4313	No fee.
Wrangell	874-2382	\$75.00 - Adults, \$40.00 - Infants \$150.00 for opening & closing.