

CITY OF DALTON
RESOLUTION
Resolution No. 19-19

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING INDIGENT BURIAL AND CREMATION POLICY

WHEREAS, Georgia Code O.C.G.A. §36-12-5 requires County governments to provide sufficient funds to provide a decent internment or cremation for any person that dies within said county and the decedent, his family, and his immediate kindred are indigent and unable to provide for the decedent's decent burial or cremation; and

WHEREAS, the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners have previously adopted the Whitfield County Indigent Cremation/Burial Policy; and

WHEREAS, Whitfield County does not own a Cemetery for the burial or internment of indigent decedents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dalton does own and maintain a Cemetery for the burial or internment of decedents; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Dalton have determined that it is in the best interest of the City and the citizens therein to provide internment for indigent decedents when the decedent dies within Whitfield County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Dalton, as follows:

THAT THE CITY hereby establishes the City of Dalton Indigent Burial and Cremation Policy and provides as follows:

- 1.) A decedent shall be determined to be indigent when the decedent, his immediate family, and his kindred are indigent and unable to provide for his decent burial or internment.
- 2.) The decedent shall have died within Whitfield County.
- 3.) The decedent's immediate family, kindred, or Funeral Home located within Whitfield County shall complete the Certification of Pauper Status For Indigent Funeral Form and any other forms as required by the Whitfield County Indigent Cremation/Burial Policy.
- 4.) Whitfield County shall have determined that the decedent, his immediate family, and his kindred are indigent and unable to provide for his decent burial or internment.
- 5.) The decedent, his immediate family, and his kindred shall elect cremation of decedent's remains.
- 6.) Upon compliance with sections 1 through 5 herein, the City shall provide burial or internment of the cremated remains of the decedent at City expense.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its approval by the Mayor and Council of the City of Dalton.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED on the ____ day of _____, 20__, at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Dalton.

The foregoing Resolution received its first reading on _____. A motion for passage of the Resolution was made by Alderman _____, second by Alderman _____ and upon the question the vote is _____ ayes, _____ nays and the Resolution is adopted.

Attest:

CITY OF DALTON, GEORGIA

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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