

ORDINANCE NO. XXX

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA AMENDING SECTIONS 2.36.040, MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISION, 2.36.060, SUPERINTENDENT – PURCHASES; CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL, AND 2.36.130, GRAVE MARKERS – REQUIREMENTS, OF CHAPTER 2.36, CEMETERIES, OF TITLE 2, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL, OF THE SONORA MUNICIPAL CODE TO DISSOLVE THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Chapter V of the Sonora City Council Rules and Procedures authorizes the City Council to establish committees by ordinance or resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Sonora City Council created the Cemetery Committee through codification of section 2.36.040, Management and Supervision, of Chapter 2.36 Cemeteries, of Title 2, Administration and Personnel, of the Sonora Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Cemetery Committee includes two City Councilmembers appointed by the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, there are currently no City Councilmembers assigned to the Cemetery Committee; and

WHEREAS, the date of the Cemetery Committee's last meeting is unknown; and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2025, the City Council, discussed the dissolution of the Cemetery Committee and potential updates to Sonora Municipal Code section 2.36; and

WHEREAS, during that discussion, the City Council directed staff to prepare the necessary documents to dissolve the Cemetery Committee and amend the Sonora Municipal Code to remove all references to the Cemetery Committee; and

WHEREAS, the dissolution of the Cemetery Committee will streamline City operations and reduce unnecessary bureaucracy, as the cemetery superintendent, which the Municipal Code recognizes as the City Administrator, is well equipped to perform the management of City cemeteries.

NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 2.36.040, Management and Supervision, of Chapter 2.36, Cemeteries, of Title 2, Administration and Personnel, of the Sonora Municipal Code, shall be repealed in its entirety and replaced with a new Section 2.36.040 which shall read as follows:

2.36.040 - Management and Supervision

The general management and supervision of cemeteries shall be under the direction of the superintendent of cemeteries, ~~and a committee of two members of the city council appointed by the mayor.~~

SECTION 2. Section 2.36.060, Superintendent—Purchases; City Council Approval, of Chapter 2.36, Cemeteries, of Title 2, Administration and Personnel, of the Sonora Municipal Code, shall be repealed in its entirety and replaced with a new Section 2.36.060 which shall read as follows:

2.36.060 - Superintendent—Purchases; City Council Approval

All purchases in excess of ~~twenty-five dollars~~ the City Administrator's purchasing authority by the superintendent, in connection with the Old City Cemetery and Mountain Shadow Cemetery, shall first be submitted to the city council ~~cemeteries committee~~ for its approval before such purchases are made. ~~The superintendent shall not employ any person or persons on cemetery works unless first authorized to do so by the committee.~~

SECTION 3. Section 2.36.130, Grave Markers—Requirements; City Council Approval, of Chapter 2.36, Cemeteries, of Title 2, Administration and Personnel, of the Sonora Municipal Code, shall be repealed in its entirety and replaced with a new Section 2.36.130 which shall read as follows:

2.36.130 - Grave Markers—Requirements

All graves must be marked, after they are filled, with permanent markers, showing at least the name, year of birth and year of death of the person buried therein. Such markers shall, as nearly as possible, be of a uniform size and appearance, and of letters and numbers, subject to the approval of the ~~superintendent of cemeteries~~ city council cemetery committee. Such markers may thereafter be subject to replacement by permanently set stone or metal markers permitted by this chapter. An approved type of grave metal marker as required in this chapter must be secured from the superintendent. It shall be the duty of the superintendent to carry out and enforce the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof. The City Council of the City of Sonora hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more section(s), subsection(s), sentence(s), clause(s), phrase(s), or word(s) be declared invalid.

SECTION 3. PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days from and after its final passage and adoption, provided it is published in a newspaper of general circulation at least within fifteen (15) days after its passage or a summary of the Ordinance is published in a newspaper of general circulation at least five (5) days prior to adoption and again at least within fifteen (15) days after its passage.

This Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Sonora, held on the ____ day of _____, 2025, and given its first reading at said meeting. Said Ordinance was given a second reading at a regular meeting of the City Council held on ___ day of ____, 2025, and after such reading, Councilmember _____, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilmember ____, said Ordinance was thereupon adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Tracy Skelly

City Clerk, City of Sonora

Ann Segerstrom

Mayor

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