

CHAPTER 47

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4700. - 4719. RESERVED

INDIGENT BURIALS

4720. Indigents, Procedure for County Burial.

The procedure provided by Sections 4710.00 through 4725.00 shall be followed whenever a person is found deceased within Jackson County and there appears to be no means to provide for the burial for that person so that it appears that burial should be provided at the expense of the county under the terms of Section 205.630 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri. (Ord. 224, Sec. 1, Eff. 11-11-74)

4721. Determination by Director.

The Director of Health and Welfare shall determine whether any means to provide for burial shall be available, including resources within the estate of the deceased, funeral allowances provided by Social Security, or if any family member or other person required by law to provide for the burial of the deceased is able to so provide. (Ord. 224, Sec. 2, Eff. 11-11-74)

4722. Procedure When no Resources Found.

If no source set forth in Section 4721.00 is found, the Director of Health and Welfare shall offer or require that the person having custody of the body offer the body of the deceased to the Missouri State Anatomical Board in accordance with Sections 194.120 through 194.180 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri. The Director shall otherwise comply with any other provision of the Laws of Missouri governing the disposition of dead bodies. (Ord. 224, Sec. 3, Eff. 11-11-74)

4723. Refusal by Board.

If the Missouri State Anatomical Board shall refuse the body, it shall be buried at county expense. (Ord. 224, Sec. 4, Eff. 11-11-74)

4724. Action by Director of Purchasing.

The Director of Purchasing is authorized to execute a purchase order for the burial in behalf of a licensed mortician in an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Dollars (\$400). (Ord. 224, Sec. 4, Eff. 11-11-74; Ord. 1349, Eff. 07-22-85)

4724.1 Commitments to Provide Services.

The Director of Purchasing shall take steps to obtain commitment from licensed

morticians to provide burial services in accordance with the standards set by the Director of Health and Welfare and for a specified fee. (Ord. 224, Sec. 4, Eff. 11-11-74)

4724.2 Maintain File.

The Director of Purchasing shall maintain an up-to-date file of morticians to provide burial services. (Ord. 224, Sec. 4, Eff. 11-11-74)

4725. Medical Examiner, Custody of Bodies.

Regardless of the existence of means to provide for burial, wherever there is reason to apprehend that death results from causes which are within the purview of the authority of the Medical Examiner, the body shall be placed in the custody of the Medical Examiner and no other disposition made until released by the Medical Examiner. (Ord. 224, Sec. 5, Eff. 11-11-74)

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