

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 resident of Jackson County, Missouri, is found deceased within Jackson County, is determined "indigent" as set forth herein, and no other means are available to provide for the cremation for that person's cremation such that it should be provided at the expense of the County. (Ord. 224, Sec. 1, Eff. 11-11-74, Ord. 5635, Eff. 7/18/22)

4721. Determination by Public Administrator.

The Public Administrator shall determine whether any means to provide for cremation are 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 cremation of the deceased is able to so provide. (Ord. 224, Sec. 2, Eff. 11-11-74, Ord. 5635, Eff. 7/18/22)

4722. Procedure When no Resources Found.

If no source for funding the deceased's cremation set forth in section 4721 is found, the person or entity having custody of the deceased's body, or an next-of-kin as defined by §194.119.2, RSMo. may file an Application for Indigent Cremation with the Public Administrator. The Public Administrator 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, Ord. 5635, Eff. 7/18/22)

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4724. Action by Director of Finance and Purchasing.

The Director of Finance and Purchasing is authorized to execute a purchase order for the cremation in behalf of a licensed mortician. (Ord. 224, Sec. 4, Eff. 11-11-74; Ord. 1349, Eff. 07-22-85, Ord. 5635, Eff. 7/18/22)

4724.1 Commitments to Provide Services.

The Director of Finance and Purchasing shall take steps to obtain commitment from licensed morticians to provide burial services in accordance with the standards set by the Public Administrator for a specified fee. (Ord. 224, Sec. 4, Eff. 11-11-74, Ord. 5635, Eff. 7/18/22)

4724.2 Maintain File.

The Director of Finance and 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, Ord. 5635, Eff. 7/18/22)

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