

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

**99-530**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**

Approve the proposed Cemetery Fees and Charges Policy for calendar years 2000 and 2001.

DECEMBER 6, 1999

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

**SUBJECT:**

CEMETERY FEES  
AND CHARGES  
POLICY

Across the board increase of 6 percent (rounded to the nearest \$5 and insuring that non-resident fees are 20 percent higher than resident fees as previously established by City Council) for all categories of services except where adjustments greater than 6 percent are proposed to bring fees in line with present market conditions: 1) Adult dis-interment and Mausoleum interment - an additional \$150 to resident and non-resident; and, 2) Deed copying and transfer - an increase to \$5 and \$6 based upon state charges for copying.

**TYPE:**

RESOLUTION  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**Approve the Cemetery Fees and Charges Policy for the calendar years 2000 and 2001 as presented in the attachment hereto.**

DONALD M. TRIPP  
PARK AND  
RECREATION  
DIRECTOR

**BACKGROUND -**

Significant revision of the Cemetery Fees and Charges Policy was made in 1996 to bring prices in line with other cemeteries in the Des Moines area. Though several categories of fees were increased significantly, non-resident fees were reduced from 50 percent to 20 percent to correspond to the amount of subsidization that the City provides to the Cemetery budget. In 1998, an across the board increase of 6 percent for the two-year period 1998-1999 was approved by the Park and Recreation Board and City Council. This change essentially covered the cost of living allowances for personnel salaries and general

increases in the price of materials and supplies. The above recommendation is for an additional two-year period, 2000-2001, in order to balance the fixed increases in similar expenses with corresponding revenues.

At its November 23, 1999 meeting, the Park and Recreation Board, by Resolution No. 99-217, approved the recommendation as presented by the Citizens Cemetery Committee.

Attachment