

KEOKUK COUNTY INDIGENT BURIALS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Keokuk County desires to provide burial assistance for qualified indigent persons where there are no other means to pay the cost and can only do so by providing limited benefits thereto:

BE IT THEREFORE HEREBY RESOLVED THAT: Effective the 15th day of March, 2004 the Keokuk County Board of Supervisors adopts the following requirements and restrictions regarding burial assistance for indigent persons who meet the Keokuk County General Assistance eligibility requirements except for those persons described in the below Requirements & Restrictions section, item "8".

A. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND USE OF FUNERAL HOME

Regular Service	\$ 875.00
Cremation	\$ 650.00
Baby of One Year or Less	\$ 500.00

Funeral director will provide transfer of deceased from place of death within an 85 mile radius of funeral home; embalming and other preparation of deceased; arrangements with the family; use of staff for one day visitation services and funeral service and transfer and supervision of staff at cemetery or crematory; use of funeral coach; use of facilities for visitation and use of funeral home facilities for funeral services or additional staff time for relocation and conducting the funeral service at another location; use of register book; acknowledgment stationary; temporary grave marker and memorial services folders.

B. SIMPLE CASKET	not to exceed	\$300.00
C. RIGID CONTAINER (OUTER BURIAL CONTAINER)	not to exceed	\$300.00
D. CEMETARY CHARGES	not to exceed	\$350.00
OR		
CREMATORY CHARGES	not to exceed	\$250.00
E. GRAVE SPACE	not to exceed	\$150.00
F. CREMATION PERMIT	not to exceed	\$ 25.00
G. Mileage to provide transfer of deceased from place of death beyond an 85 mile radius of funeral home at the rate of \$1.00 per mile, one-way, beyond said radius.		

MAXIMUM ALLOWANCE FOR COUNTY FUNERAL (except for mileage payment outlined in "G", if applicable) **\$2,000.00**

REQUIREMENTS & RESTRICTIONS

1. Prior to the assumption of burial indebtedness by Keokuk County, and as mandatory prerequisite thereto, the funeral home which provides and/or arranges the services must notify the General Assistance Director, acknowledge the above and foregoing requirements and restrictions, acquire approval from the Director and agree to accept County payment in full and complete satisfaction of any and all burial expenses. In the event the Director is not available, approval is required from a member of the Board of Supervisors. The family/representative of the deceased must meet with the Director and complete a General Assistance Application. If eligible, the family/representative must agree to accept the above and foregoing requirements and restrictions prior to assumption of indebtedness. If the deceased or family/representatives have an existing contract/agreement with the Funeral Home, the application will be denied and/or revoked.
2. Keokuk County will only pay the actual invoice cost not to exceed the above limits. The funeral home must attach the original invoices along with the funeral home statement of charges. If the invoice costs exceed the above limits, those amounts will be deducted from the invoice and the county will pay the

balance. The statement of charges must be received within 60 days after the provision of service.

3. Any funds from the Veterans Administration, Social Security, insurance proceeds, checking/savings, memorials, personal funds or any other funds from any other source will be applied by the family/representatives to the above charges and the balance of the charges will be paid by the County. In the event that any funds of the deceased become available after the county has paid the expenses, the funeral director shall promptly reimburse the county upon receipt of said funds in the amount the funds received.

4. There may not be any contribution/additional funds to upgrade county burial or burial merchandise by the family/representatives of the deceased. If contributions are made for an upgrade, the application for assistance will be denied and/or revoked. Honorariums such as minister, musician, hairdresser, or barber may be paid by the family/representatives or any others wishing to do so. In addition, the family/representatives of the deceased will be responsible for transportation charges to a cemetery outside a radius of 25 miles from the funeral home if so chosen.

5. Transportation charges will also be included in item "D" above, when the family chooses a cremation process and the funeral home must transport the remains to a crematory. The County will not pay any more than \$250.00 for the cremation process and the transportation to the crematory.

6. In the event of cremation, the only items which will be paid by the County consist of the Professional Services and Use of Funeral Home for cremation, crematory charges and cremation Permit.

7. Financial eligibility of the deceased person's household as defined in the General Assistance Ordinance must meet the General Assistance guidelines. If those guidelines are met and if the deceased is survived by responsible relatives that include parents, grandparents, children, and grandchildren; the county will consider the financial ability of said relatives. Ineligibility will result if there is at least one responsible relative listed above whose gross monthly income is at or above 100% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Responsible relatives shall have the responsibility of providing the Director any information bearing upon eligibility including but not limited to federal/state income tax information, verified statement(s) of income, etc. All income types will be considered. This information shall be provided by all responsible relatives to the Director by the end of the next working day during business hours after application is made. Failure to do so will result in denial unless an exception is granted. The Funeral Home may proceed with the funeral before this timeline is exceeded, however; the family/representative and Funeral Home must agree that if assistance is not granted after review of financial information from responsible relatives then the family/representatives will be responsible for all funeral costs.

8. The maximum that will be paid for burial of non-resident indigent transients is \$250.00, as stated in Chapter 252.27 in the Code of Iowa.

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Approved by the Keokuk County Board of Supervisors on this _____ day of March, 2004.

Richard Denny, Chairperson
Keokuk County Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____
Christy Bates, Keokuk County Auditor

