CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER MEMO

Agenda Item Number: _____

Meeting Type: Regular

Meeting Date: Sep 25, 2014

Action Requested By: Cemetery

Agenda Type: Ordinance

Subject Matter:

Introduction to amend Cemetery ordinances.

Exact Wording for the Agenda:

Introduction of an Ordinance to amend Article II, Sections 9-36; 9-44; and 9-50 of Chapter 9 (Cemeteries), of the Code of Ordinances.

Note: If amendment, Please state title and number of the original

Item to be considered for: Introduction

Unanimous Consent Required: No

Briefly state why the action is required; why it is recommended; what council action will provide, allow and accomplish and; any other information that might be helpful.

Cemetery service fees need to be updated. Military lots number to be given needs to be changed. The first right of refusal for the City of Huntsville to buy back spaces.

Associated Cost: _____

Budgeted Item: Not Applicable

MAYOR RECOMMENDS OR CONCURS: Yes

Department Head: Jay H McKee

Date: Sep 19, 2014

ORDINANCE NO. 14-_____

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that Article II, Sections 9-36, 9-44 and 9-50 of Chapter 9, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Huntsville, Alabama, as adopted and approved on the 24th day of May, 2012, be and the same are hereby amended to read as follows:

1. Section 9-36 shall hereby be amended to read as follows:

(a)

Lots 1—6, 10—21, 25—28, 35—52, 69—76, 78, 79, 80—82, 99, 100—112, 129—142, and 159—165 in block 36 of Maple Hill Cemetery and lots 4—14 in block 9 in Northside Cemetery are set aside and reserved for the interment of the remains of Huntsville veterans who gave their lives on foreign soil while serving in the United States Armed Forces and who will be returned to the city for interment, with two spaces being set aside and reserved for the remains of each such veteran.

(b)

After the interment of the remains of any veteran in any of the spaces described in this section, the immediate family of such veteran shall have and is given the right to use the remaining space for the interment of members of the veteran's family.

(c)

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or use any of the lots in block 36 of Maple Hill Cemetery or block 9 in Northside Cemetery except in accordance with the provisions of this section.

2. Section 9-44 shall hereby be amended to read as follows:

The fees for cemetery services shall be as follows:

(1) Interment of a casket (weekdays) $750.00

(2) Interment of a casket (after 3:00 p.m. weekdays) $850.00

(3) Interment of a casket (Saturdays) $850.00

(4) Interment of a casket (Sundays) $1,000.00

(5) Interment of cremains (weekdays) $450.00

(6) Interment of cremains (Saturdays) $550.00

(7) Interment of cremains (Sundays) $650.00

(8) Disinterment of a casket (non-lawn crypt) (allowable on weekdays only) $1,800.00*

(9) Disinterment of a bottom lawn crypt $3600.00*

(10) Disinterment of a top lawn crypt $1800.00*

(11) Disinterment of cremains $500.00*

(12) Installation of a corner marker (per marker) 5.00

(13) Marker foundation fee (per square inch) 0.50 (minimum charge $100.00)

(14) Sounding fee $10.00 for first space, $5.00 for each additional space (no charge if in connection with burial)

(15) Property transfer fee 50.00 for the first space and $25.00 per each additional space

(16) Excavation to determine vacancy of a burial space $200.00

(17) Mail fees $20.00 overnight & $6.00 for certified

*All disinterments are subject to the approval of the cemetery director.

3. Section 9-50 shall be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9-50. Price of spaces in Maple Hill Cemetery.

(a)

The price of a single burial space (approximate size 40" × 10') available for sale by the city in Maple Hill Cemetery shall be $2,500.00.

(b)

The price of a single space for an infant burial or interment of cremains (approximate size 40" × 4') available for sale by the city in Maple Hill Cemetery shall be $1,250.00. The maximum size of a casket/vault for an infant burial is 18"x 32".

(c)

All burial spaces and cremation spaces available for sale in Maple Hill Cemetery shall be sold on a first come basis. Payment must be made in full at the time of purchase

ADOPTED this the_____ day of _____, 2014.

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President of the City Council of
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the_____day of _____, 2014.

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama