

DAKOTA COUNTY BURIAL POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to establish a standardization of, and a respectable burial for, all welfare burials within Dakota County at a minimum cost to the County.

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes Dakota County Regulations for Dakota County burials to be as follows:

1. All County burials shall be performed by a Funeral Home in Dakota County where possible, and the Dakota County Board of Commissioners, or an individual appointed by said Board, shall approve all County funerals prior to the funeral service.
2. The funeral director shall not accept any form of enumeration from any source, except any State or Federal funeral benefits that shall be paid to the funeral director and said amounts shall be deducted from the County obligation.
3. Dakota County shall not incur any cost for removal for burial to any destination outside Dakota County or, more specifically, a 50-mile radius.
4. Dakota County shall pay a standard fee as stated on the appropriate attachment hereto for an approved County funeral service should death occur in Dakota County. Should death occur outside of Dakota County, an additional fee may be allowed for mileage in excess of 25 miles one way by shortest route, in the removal of the deceased to the funeral home in charge. If it is necessary to have the body embalmed at a distant point, the County may contract the burial to be performed in the county in which the body lies and reimbursement will be made to said county with prior approval by Dakota County.
5. The funeral director in charge shall furnish wood; cloth covered casket of no lessor type than a flare and square complete with sufficient handles, a burial box, facilities and minimum transportation to cemetery of burial and a lowering device at cemetery.
6. Dakota County will not pay for the setting of a tent at the grave site, nor incur any additional costs for such sundry items as memorial books, acknowledgement cards, newspaper death notices, floral tributes or other related items not deemed necessary for a respectable and dignified burial.
7. If the decedent does not own a lot, the burial must be at the Omaha Valley Cemetery near Homer, Nebraska, and the cost of the opening and closing of the graves will be bore by the County. In the case where a family plot has been previously purchased, the burial may take place at said plot. However, a maximum of \$400 will be authorized for opening and closing of the grave.
8. The time and place of the service shall be set at the convenience of the funeral director in charge of the service. The funeral director shall make every effort to secure clothing from the family of the deceased and it is expected that all families shall cooperate.
9. It is the responsibility of the family to reimburse the County with any assets that become available, such as social security, etc. (Excluding any funeral benefits paid to the funeral director in number 2 of these regulations.)
10. The County will not reserve any lot or plot for kin to be buried in a particular lot or plot.

STILLBORN TO 2 YEARS OLD

The funeral home shall furnish the staff and professional services to include:

1. Transfer of the remains to the funeral home within 25 miles.
2. Professional care and preparation of the remains, including the facilities of the preparation room.
3. *Embalming
4. Transfer of the remains to the crematory.
5. If cremains are to be buried in a cemetery grave, transfer to the cemetery within 25 miles.
6. Securing; recording all necessary forms and permits.
7. Minimum Cremation Container - Total Allowance is \$450.00.

When family members request a funeral service with burial the following shall apply:

- A. The funeral home shall furnish a two-hour visitation prior to the scheduled funeral service at the funeral home.
- B. The funeral home shall furnish a minimum casket/vault.

For items A and B add \$150.00

Dakota County authorizes and pays for the grave space and opening and closing of the grave at the designated cemetery (Omaha Valley Cemetery, Homer, Nebraska)

If the individual has his/her own cemetery space Dakota County will reimburse the funeral home for the opening and closing of the grave (receipt from the cemetery must be attached to the submitted claim) with a maximum not to exceed \$400.00.

3 YEARS OLD TO 11 YEARS OLD

The funeral home shall furnish the staff and professional services to include:

1. Transfer of the remains to the funeral home within 25 miles.
2. Professional care and preparation of the remains, including the facilities of the preparation room.
3. *Embalming
4. Transfer of the remains to the crematory.
5. If cremains are to be buried in a cemetery grave, transfer to the cemetery within 25 miles.
6. Securing; recording all necessary forms and permits.
7. Minimum Cremation Container - Total Allowance is \$650.00.

When family members request a funeral service with burial the following shall apply:

- A. The funeral home shall furnish a two-hour visitation prior to the scheduled funeral service at the funeral home.
- B. The funeral home shall furnish a minimum cloth covered casket.
- C. The funeral home shall furnish a minimum outside container if required by cemetery

For items A and B add \$250.00

For item C add \$380.00

Dakota County authorizes and pays for the grave space and opening and closing of the grave at the designated cemetery (Omaha Valley Cemetery, Homer, Nebraska)

If the individual has his/her own cemetery space Dakota County will reimburse the funeral home for the opening and closing of the grave (receipt from the cemetery must be attached to the submitted claim) with a maximum not to exceed \$400.00.

12 YEARS OR OLDER

The funeral home shall furnish the staff and professional services to include:

1. Transfer of the remains to the funeral home within 25 miles.
2. Professional care and preparation of the remains, including the facilities of the preparation room.
3. *Embalming
4. Transfer of the remains to the crematory.
5. If cremains are to be buried in a cemetery grave, transfer to the cemetery within 25 miles.
6. Securing; recording all necessary forms and permits.
7. Minimum Cremation Container - Total Allowance is \$1050.00.

When family members request a funeral service with burial the following shall apply:

- A. The funeral home shall furnish a two-hour visitation prior to the scheduled funeral service at the funeral home.
- B. The funeral home shall furnish a minimum cloth covered casket.
- C. The funeral home shall furnish a minimum outside container if required by cemetery

For items A and B add \$300.00

For item C add \$380.00

Dakota County authorizes and pays for the grave space and opening and closing of the grave at the designated cemetery (Omaha Valley Cemetery, Homer, Nebraska)

If the individual has his/her own cemetery space Dakota County will reimburse the funeral home for the opening and closing of the grave (receipt from the cemetery must be attached to the submitted claim) with a maximum not to exceed \$400.00.

*State of Nebraska Revised Statutes

71-1374. Crematory authority; delivery receipt form; duties.

(1) A crematory authority upon receiving human remains shall sign a delivery receipt form and shall hold the human remains, prior to cremation, as provided in this section. The form shall include the name of the deceased, the time and date of delivery of such remains, and the signatures of the owner of the crematory or his or her representative and the funeral director or his or her representative.

(2) If a crematory authority is unable to cremate the human remains immediately upon taking receipt thereof, the crematory authority shall place the human remains in a holding facility. A holding facility shall be designed and constructed to (a) comply with all applicable public health laws, (b) provide for the health and safety of persons employed at such facility, and (c) prevent any unauthorized access to such facility.

(3) A crematory authority may refuse to accept for holding an alternative container or casket from which there is any evidence of leakage of the body fluids from the human remains in the container.

(4) If human remains received by the crematory authority are not embalmed, such remains shall be held no longer than twenty-four hours from the time of death unless the human remains are placed within a refrigerated facility in accordance with the laws of this state.

Annual renewal of Dakota County Burial Policy approved for one year dated this 5th day of January, 2015



County Board Chair, Antonio Gomez

Attest:



Dakota County Clerk, Deputy