

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, MISSOURI AMENDING TITLE I "GOVERNMENT CODE", CHAPTER 145 "CEMETERIES", SECTION 145.580 "GRAVE OPENING FEES", OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, MISSOURI.**

*WHEREAS*, the City of Aurora, Missouri (the "City"), is a city of the third class and political subdivision of the State of Missouri, duly created, organized and existing under and by virtue of the constitution and laws of the State of Missouri; and

*WHEREAS*, "Grave Opening Fees" were revised at different times beginning in 2002 and as follows:

Grave Opening Fee: \$400 – Ord. No. 2011-2918  
Cremation Remains Burial Fee: \$50 – Ord. No. 2002-2507  
Saturday and City Holiday Burials: \$150 – Ord. No. 2007-2776 (additional Fee)  
;and

*WHEREAS*, City staff have reviewed current fees from cemeteries from the surrounding areas that vary greatly for these services with the lowest grave opening fee being \$900 with surveyed prices increasing from there; and

*WHEREAS*, it is recommended that the current fees be revised a sufficient amount to reflect the time and expense involved with these services and the inflation over these years; and

*WHEREAS*, it is recommended that fees be further clarified and separated in a like manner as other cemeteries that were reviewed, separating fees for disinterment; and

*WHEREAS*, it is recommended that a title change be made for this chapter that reflects the level of professionalism that is exhibited by the Sexton and Cemetery staff.

***NOW ,THEREFORE, BE IT, ORDAINED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND FOR THE CITY OF AURORA, MISSOURI, as follows:***

**SECTION I:** The title "Grave Opening Fees" of Section 145.580 is hereby repealed and Section 145.580 of the Aurora Municipal Code shall be renamed "Cemetery Services Fees"

**SECTION II:** The fees for services for the cemeteries of the City of Aurora shall be set as follows:

Interment Fee: \$650.00  
Interment Cremains Fee: \$100.00  
Non-Office Hours Fee for any service: \$250.00

**SECTION III:** A separate fee for disinterment of remains for the cemeteries of the City of Aurora shall be set as follows:

Disinterment: \$1000  
Disinterment Cremains: \$250

**SECTION IV:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances that conflict with this ordinance is hereby repealed.

**SECTION V:** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its date of passage.

***PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, MISSOURI  
THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2023.***

**APPROVED:**

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Jason Lewis, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Kamy Kulow, City Clerk