

RESOLUTION NO. 668

WHEREAS, the City of Milford, Nebraska, owns and operates a City Cemetery, Blue Mound Cemetery, as a service to residents of the City and surrounding communities.

AND WHEREAS, Sections 2-206 and 3-801 of the Municipal Code of the City of Milford provide that Rules and Regulations for such service shall be established by resolution of its Council.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL that the following Rules and Regulations shall be established for such service:

1. **Definitions:** As used herein, the following terms are defined as follows:
 - A. "Columbarium" is that portion of the Cemetery grounds, which include the Columbarium niches and immediately surrounding areas.
 - B. "Columbarium Niche" is a niche in which cremated human remains are placed.
 - C. "Cremains" are cremated human remains.
 - D. "Certificate" is the Certificate to Right of Burial Space provided at time of purchase.
2. All persons are welcome to visit the Columbarium during the hours of sunrise to sunset per Milford City Code. Visitors are expected to be orderly at all times.
3. Visitors may receive information and assistance from the City of Milford City Clerk' Office by calling (402) 761-3247 during regular Office hours.
4. There shall be no planting of any flowers, shrubs, vines or trees around the Columbarium except by the City.
5. There shall be no attachments to the front, top, or sides of any Columbarium, nor are vases, flowers, markers, and wreaths allowed except in the designated area provided by the City of Milford for that purpose.
6. A designated area will be provided for flowers and wreaths, which will be allowed at the time of inurnment and for a period of seven (7) days thereafter, provided, no unsightly condition result. Flowers and wreaths may also be placed in the designated area for fifteen (15) days after other approved holidays as stated in the Rules & Regulations.
7. Engraving and maintenance of any Columbarium Niche by other than the Cities Design Engraver, or its designees, under the direction of the City of Milford/City Clerk are not allowed. All engraving shall be according to a standardized format determined by the City of Milford.

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8. **Transfer of Niches:** The right to inurnment is personal to and retained only by the person(s) designated on the Certificate. No sale or other transfer of Certificate of niches may occur by will, intestate succession, gift or otherwise, except upon notification of the City Clerk. The City of Milford has no obligation to approve a transfer. The Cemetery shall have first option to repurchase the niche from the Certificate owner or owners thereof. The Cemetery will pay to the Certificate owners the original purchase price paid for the niche.
9. **Prices for Niches:** All charges for opening & closing of niches, sale of niches and for maintenance and services at the Cemetery will be regulated by the City of Milford, Cemetery Board as approved by the City Council.
10. **Additional Pricing for Niche Upgrades:** Any Certificate owner of a single niche who wishes to upgrade to a double niche shall pay the difference between (a) the then current price for a double niche, and (b) the price initially paid by the Certificate owner for the single niche, plus any cost of monument changes and/or costs.
11. **Additional Fees:** In addition to the price for the purchase of a niche, Certificate owners of such niches shall be responsible for, and shall pay all additional charges, related to inscription of niche covers and opening and closing of niches at time of need.
12. **Modification and decoration of niches:** Modification and decoration of niches or any other area of the Columbarium are specifically and expressly prohibited. Niche Front Plaques (monument) shall be inscribed in a uniform manner approved by the City of Milford and completed by the Cities Design Engraver. Inscriptions shall be limited to the name of the deceased, together with the year of birth and death dates. Any additional emblems or characters such as children's names for inscription shall be approved by the City Clerk and shall be at an additional cost. There shall be no flowers or other decorations placed near or affixed to the niches other than the area designated by the Cemetery Supervisor.
13. **Containment of Cremains:** Because of the design of the Columbarium and the individual niches, a maximum of two persons' cremains may be inurned in a single niche. All cremains deposited in a niche shall be enclosed in a container approved by the City of Milford so as to fit into the space provided (**1** - 12" tall * 11 7/8" wide * 11 7/8 "deep.)
14. **Right to Remove Cremains and Niche Covers:** The City of Milford retains the absolute right, in its discretion, to remove containers of cremains, niches and niche covers and to relocate all or any part of the Columbarium (including niches) in the event it may deem such action necessary or advisable.
15. **Opening of Niches:** A niche may be opened only by written request of a proper person, upon a showing of good cause, as authorized by the City of Milford and only upon the payment to the City of Milford in the amount of \$800.00 including all expenses associated with such opening. All such openings shall be duly noted in the records maintained for the Columbarium by the City of Milford.
16. **Applicability of Rules and Regulations:** All holders of certificates as well as all other persons with direct interest in the Columbarium shall be subject to these Rules and Regulations including any amendments thereto, in addition to the general Rules & Regulations adopted by the City Council.

- 17. **Reclamation of unused burial right:** City of Milford reserves the right to reclaim the Right of Burial when there has been an extended period of non-use or other evidence that the Right of Burial has been abandoned or otherwise forfeited by the purchaser. If a Purchaser of Right of Burial does not exercise the Right of Burial for a period of seventy-five (75) consecutive years, the Right to Burial shall automatically revert to the City of Milford.
- 18. **Release:** All owners of certificates, on behalf of themselves, their heirs, successors and assigns, release the City from any and all liabilities arising as a result of unauthorized removal of remains or vandalism of niches and/or their contents.
- 19. **Amendments:** Amendments to these Rules and Regulations will be implemented by the Cemetery Board with approval of the City Council at a regular City Council meeting.

20. **Fees for Certificate to Right of Burial:**

BLUE MOUND CEMETERY COLUMBARIUM		
PRICE SHEET		
Niche	Niche Row	Purchase Price
Single	Tier - Yellow	\$1,000.00
Single	Tier - Green	\$1,600.00
Single	Tier - Pink	\$1,800.00
Double	Tier - Yellow	\$1,500.00
Double	Tier - Green	\$1,600.00
Double	Tier - Pink	\$1,800.00

NICHE OPENINGS / CLOSINGS	
Niche Opening/Closing (Monday - Friday) (Single)	\$800.00
Niche Opening/Closing (Monday - Friday) (Double)	\$1500.00
Niche Opening/Closing (Saturday) (Additional at time of service)	\$1,000.00
Niche Opening/Closing (Sunday & Holidays)	Not Available
Disinurnment	\$800.00

- 21. **Engraving of Niche Doors**
 - Single Niche Door (1 Person) Name & Dates Only \$600.00
 - Single Niche Door (2 Person) Names & Dates Only \$1,000.00

Charges to Engrave Emblems on Niche Doors at Time of Purchase

- 1 – Emblem \$150.00
- 2 – Emblems \$250.00
- Attach Bronze V.A. Medallion \$50.00

(Additional cost if engraving is requested after door is sealed. \$100.00 per trip, \$175.00 per emblem.)

22. **City Hall Hours of Operation:**

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm City Clerk’s Office 402-761-3247

23. **Cemetery Policy Acknowledgment:** The provisions of these Policies shall extend to and be binding upon the heirs, legal representatives, and successors of the parties. Purchaser shall acknowledge in writing the receipt of a copy of the aforementioned Policies.

Passed and adopted this 4th day of February, 2025.

Roll call vote: Parks yes, DeLong yes, Bauer yes, Freeman yes. Motion carried.

City of Milford, Nebraska

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk

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