

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-7

**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON**  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN  
STATE OF MINNESOTA

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CITY CEMETERY, AMENDING SECTION 5.19 OF CHAPTER 5 PUBLIC FACILITIES AND PROPERTY OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO COLUMBARIUM

The City Council of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota ordains:

Section 1. That Chapter 5 of the City Code is hereby amended by deleting those words that are contained in brackets [ ] and adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

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**SEC. 5.19. COLUMBARIUM.**

(a) **Definitions.**

**Columbarium (Columbaria)** - an above ground repository composed of niches designed for the purpose of interring the Cremains of the deceased.

~~**[Columbarium Niche(s)]** - an individual recess within a columbarium, either single or double, designated to contain cremains of the deceased within a cremation urn or container.]~~

**Columbarium Individual Niche(s)** - an individual recess within a columbarium, designated to contain the cremains of one deceased within a single cremation urn or container; or the cremains of two deceased within two cremation urns or containers.

~~**[Columbarium Companion Niche(s)]** - an individual recess within a columbarium, designated to contain the cremains of two deceased within two cremation urns or containers.]~~

**Columbarium Niche Front** - the granite piece covering the columbarium niche.

**Columbarium Niche Name [Plaque] Inscription** - ~~[the plaque placed on]~~ the front of the columbarium niche ~~[embossed]~~ engraved with the name of the deceased and other pertinent information.

**Cremains** - the ashes of a cremated human body.

(b) **General.**

- (1) Ownership of burial space in a freestanding columbarium shall be considered the same as ownership of other cemetery property and shall descend according to state law.
- (2) Occupied columbarium niches must be marked by an inscription on the niche front [~~columbarium niche name plaque~~], as best determined by the Cemetery Custodian. No other additional ornamentation will be allowed on or in front of the columbarium.
- (3) [~~Purchase of a columbarium niche shall include a bronze niche front plaque, which~~] Inscription shall be uniform in style [~~and size~~] on each columbarium, as determined by the Cemetery Custodian. The City Clerk's Office is responsible for arranging [~~the bronze plaque~~] this service.
- (4) The City is not responsible for unauthorized cremains deposited on the Cemetery.
- (5) Flower holders, vases or other fixtures shall not be allowed to be attached to the columbarium.
- (6) With the exception of the interment of a second cremains within a [~~companion~~] niche, any opening of a sealed niche shall be considered a disinterment and applicable fees will be charged.

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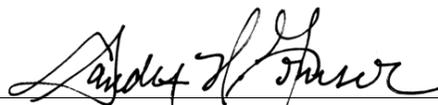
Passed and adopted this 2nd day of May, 2016.

  
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Mayor

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Secretary to the Council

APPROVED:

  
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City Attorney