

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance Amending "The Code of Ordinances City of Lowell, Massachusetts" With Respect to Chapter 150 thereof Entitled, "Fees" by amending certain sections.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, as follows:

"The Code for the City of Lowell," hereinafter called the "Code", adopted by the City Council on December 23, 2008, is hereby amended with respect to 150 thereof, by amending certain sections:

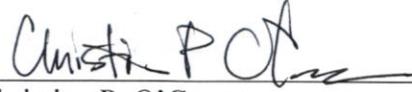
1. By amending Chapter 150, Entitled **Fees; Cemetery** by adding the following new number 19.1 as follows:

	Department/Reference	Unit/ Frequency	Fee
19.1	Columbarium purchases		
	Row 1	Ea.	\$600.00
	Row 2	Ea.	\$700.00
	Row 3	Ea.	\$700.00
	Row 4	Ea.	\$800.00
	Columbarium openings		
	Monday – Friday	Ea.	\$250.00
	Saturday	Ea.	\$400.00

2. All provisions of the Lowell City Code, as amended, which are consistent with this Ordinance, shall continue in effect, but all provisions of said Code inconsistent herewith, are repealed.

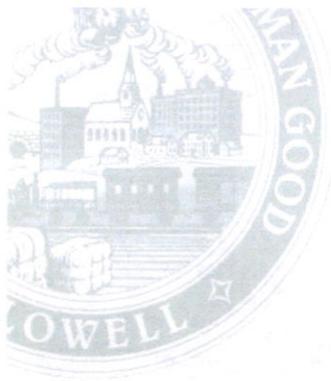
3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 43 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Christine P. O'Connor
City Solicitor

Ordinanceamendfees/columbarium



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August 21, 2020

City Manager Eileen M. Donoghue
Mayor John J. Leahy
And
Members of the City Council

Re: Ordinance to propose adjustments to Fee Schedule

Dear Manager Donoghue, Mayor Leahy and Members of the City Council:

Attached is an ordinance proposing adjustments to the City's *Fee Schedule* for the *Cemetery* relative to columbarium purchases and openings. The Cemetery Commission voted on prices for the new columbarium located in the Westlawn I Cemetery as evidenced by the enclosed Minutes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Very truly yours,

Christine P. O'Connor
City Solicitor

cc: Christine Clancy, DPW Commissioner
Cemetery Commission
Shannon Cohan, Superintendent of Parks and Open Space

Cemetery Commission Meeting

Tuesday, July 14, 2020 @ 11:00AM

-Minutes-

Meeting called to order at 11:02AM

Roll Call:	Chairman Gerard P. Largay	Present
	Vice Chairman Dennis Mercier	Present
	Member John Bond	Present
	Member Paul Francoeur	Present
	Superintendent Shannon Cohan	Present
	Recording Secretary Jade L. Bernis	Present

Old Business

- A. Review/accept minutes from the Cemetery Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020
- Motion to "approve minutes of the meeting held on April 14, 2020 as presented" made by Member John Bond – seconded by Vice Chairman Dennis Mercier
- So voted 4 – 0 – 0

Unfinished Businesses – POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

- A) Discuss Chapel renovation (*renovations including a new rug, repair of ceiling and donated pews to be completed. New landscaping at the entrance of the chapel will also be done in the spring*).
- B) Letters to the Law Department re overdue Funeral Billing (Public speaking)
- C) Garage repairs (DPW to address)
- D) School Street wall damage (*First portion of the wall has been completed. Will have to bid out for next section*).
- E) Boston Road flooding issues
- F) Pony Wall to cover loam in storage area of Westlawn I (*Gathering quotes*)
- G) Retired flag box (*Box has been donated, scraped and sanded. Sign has been made. Will be painted shortly*).
- H) Edson Cemetery Entrance (*Waiting for quote*)
- I) Possible Cemetery Clean-up project

New Business

- 1) Review/discuss Columbarium (landscaping, pricing, plaques, etc.)
- The Commission met at the new Columbarium and discussed landscaping, benches, plaques, flowers, prices, etc. A style of bench was chosen. The landscaping was discussed – a concrete pad will be poured around the columbarium and benches and raised flower beds will be installed. A reclaim path will be created going from the parking area to the columbarium. A motion was made by Member John Bond – seconded by Chairman Gerard Largay to "set the price structure as follows: first row \$600.00, second and third row \$700.00 and the 4th row \$800.00. Opening charge Monday through Friday \$250.00 and Saturday Opening charge \$400.00".

So voted 4 – 0 – 0

Bronze plaques will be allowed on the door. At the next meeting the size, lettering, etc. will be discussed.

We will also need to announce that the columbarium is available for sale. It will be listed on the City's website – a letter will be sent to all Funeral Directors – an ad will be placed in the Lowell Sun, etc.

A motion was made by Member John Bond – seconded by Chairman Gerard Largay to “transfer \$750.00 from the Perpetual Care Interest account to cover the cost of an ad in the Lowell Sun”.

So voted 4 – 0 – 0

- 2) Review/discuss multiple bench requests – should we allow and if so what kind of bench do we want to allow? What locations?
 - The Commission would allow the same style bench that was chosen for the Columbarium area. Once a request is approved by the Commission it will be sent to the City Council for the subcommittee to approve.
- 3) Review/discuss request from Harvestmoon Paranormal
 - Reviewed and placed on file
- 4) Review/discuss accident on 6/24/2020 at intersection of Boston Road and Swan Street (WI)
 - Reviewed – we are still awaiting a quote to repair the damage.
- 5) Review/discuss accident on 7/3/2020 at the School Street Cemetery
 - Reviewed – we are waiting for a quote to repair the School Street wall which will be forwarded to the insurance company.
- 6) Review/discuss request from Mel Alejandro to film at the public cemeteries
 - This request was discussed and approved with stipulations. Multiple locations need to be scouted and relayed to the office so that we can compare them with any funerals we may have. They are to also leave the area the way they found it and not cause any damage.
- 7) Review/discuss Cemetery Commission job posting
 - Reviewed – placed on file
- 8) Recommendations/concerns/other

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 11:43AM

Next meeting to be held Tuesday, July 28, 2020 @ 11:00AM at the

WI Columbarium – 215 Boston Road