

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 18**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA  
RECOMMENDING A CHANGE IN FEES FOR THE USE OF A CITY-OWNED  
CEMETERY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jasper Municipal Code (“Code”) includes Chapter 1.84 "Jasper City Cemetery” which includes rules and regulations governing the control and management, operational policies, and fees for the Jasper City Cemetery (“Cemetery”);

**WHEREAS**, in order to adequately maintain and manage the cemetery and to enhance the accuracy of the record keeping processes, implementation of new software and other procedures have been completed, thereby increasing the cost of maintaining the Cemetery;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Public Works and Safety has reviewed the current rules and regulations controlling the cemetery and finds that existing fees are not adequate to provide for all costs associated with maintenance, management, improvement and record keeping for the Cemetery;

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council finds that the fees established herein are reasonable, equitable, and based on the cost of maintaining, managing and improving the Cemetery.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Section 1.84.030 of the Jasper Municipal Code, entitled “Fees for Jasper City Cemetery,” Section 4, should be amended by **replacing** the current language with the following:

**1.84.030 – Fees for Jasper City Cemetery.**

The cost of obtaining burial rights in a plot in the Cemetery shall be \$800.00. However, if the burial be that of an individual for whom a burial allowance is payable by a Township Trustee or the County Department of Family and Children, the cost of obtaining burial rights in a plot in the Jasper City Cemetery shall be \$300.00. The purchase of burial rights in a plot in the Cemetery authorizes the owner the right to inter human remains within the plot boundaries. Title to the real estate remains with the City of Jasper.

All payments required hereunder shall be made to the City of Jasper, Indiana. That the fees collected hereunder shall be deposited in the Jasper City Cemetery Fund of the City of Jasper, Indiana.

**SECTION 2. Separability.** If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance shall for any reason be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereunder.

**SECTION 3. Prior Ordinances.** Any ordinance and/or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council, its approval by the Mayor, and completion of any other legal requirements, all in the manner as provided by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, this 23rd day of August, 2023

Dean M. Vonderheide  
Dean M. Vonderheide, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Kiersten Knies  
Kiersten Knies, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Jasper on the 23rd day of August, 2023 at 6:35 o'clock a.m./p.m.

Kiersten Knies  
Kiersten Knies, Clerk-Treasurer

This Ordinance approved and signed by me as the Mayor of the City of Jasper, Indiana, this 23rd day of August, 2023, at 6:36 o'clock a.m./p.m.

Dean M. Vonderheide  
Dean M. Vonderheide, Presiding Officer

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