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ORDINANCE NO. 1437

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XII, ARTICLE 3, SECTIONS 12-302(a), 12-302(b) AND 12-302(c) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS, REGARDING CEMETERY LOT PRICES AND WEEKDAY GRAVE AND CREMATION OPENINGS AND EXHUMATIONS.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS:**

**WHEREAS**, due to the overall increased costs of operating and maintaining the City Cemetery, the City Council finds it necessary to increase certain fees pertaining to cemetery lots and exhumations.

**SECTION 1.** Ordinance 1149, Ordinance 1230, Ordinance 1339, Ordinance 1420, and Code 2014, Sections 12-302(b) and 12-302 (c) shall be amended as follows.

**SECTION 2.** Section 12-301. HOURS. City Cemetery and Park Cemetery will be open to the public from the hours of sunrise to sunset.

**SECTION 3. New Section 12-302. COST.** (a) Before any cemetery grave is opened on a weekday, the following fee shall be paid to the City Clerk; said fee is to cover grave opening costs:

Adult grave - \$300

Baby grave - \$200

Cremation grave - \$200

The above fees shall cover all costs of funeral homes, both local and foreign, and to all other persons.

**For the purposes of this Article, a baby is defined as a child under the age of 1 year.**

(b) Before any exhumations are conducted on weekdays, the following fees shall be paid to the City Clerk to cover exhumation costs:

Baby - \$200

Adult - \$300

Cremation - \$200

(c) The price of each grave space of a City cemetery shall be **\$175** per space. Deeds shall be recorded with the Cherokee County Register of Deeds for each plot purchased in the City Cemetery.

(d) In the event of discrepancies of mapping location or other unforeseen circumstances pertaining to cemetery plots, owners may exchange plots or request refund.

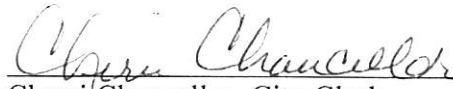
**SECTION 4.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance shall take effect August 1, 2019, and shall be published in the official City newspaper.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Governing body this 20<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2019.

  
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Grant Spieth, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Cherri Chancellor, City Clerk

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