



MEMORANDUM

P.O. Box 4100 ♦ FRISCO, COLORADO 80443

TO: TOWN COUNCIL

FROM: DEBORAH WOHLMUTH, TOWN CLERK

RE: ORDINANCE 22-11, AMENDING CHAPTER 13, CEMETERY MANAGEMENT

DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

Summary: This Ordinance amends sections of Chapter 13 Cemetery Management concerning records and issuance permits, rules and regulations, ownership and management, and winter burials.

Background: Chapter 13, Cemetery Management, was added to the Code of the Town of Frisco on June 12, 1974 by Ordinance 74-06. Amendments have occurred to this chapter in 1980, 1989, 1991, 2003, 2009, and 2019. The proposed amendments are primarily housekeeping by nature. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the Town's home rule authority in order to protect the cemetery and better align the management of the cemetery amongst the Town's administrative departments, changing management designee from Town Clerk to Cemetery Superintendent. Ordinance 22-11 Amending Chapter 13, Cemetery Management, is in the council packet for your review.

Current Code states The Town of Frisco shall accommodate winter burials to the extent possible. Staff is proposing that burials and disinterments in the Town's cemetery are prohibited beginning November 1 of each year and ending May 15 of the next subsequent year. If someone wants a winter burial, Public Works has to be able to get to the plot, shovel all the snow off of said spot, find a company willing to rent the Town a ground heater for no less than five days with extensive cost (if one can be found). At that point, the work in the hole is extremely dangerous for casket interments because of the winter soil/moisture conditions. It's dangerous, time consuming, and very expensive, without a great customer experience. The Town's Attorney has indicated that there is nothing that legally requires the Town to provide the service.

Staff Recommendation: On that basis, it is staff's recommendation that the Council APPROVE ON FIRST READING ORDINANCE 22-11, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF FRISCO, COLORADO, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 13, CONCERNING CEMETERY MANAGEMENT, AT SECTIONS 13-6, CONCERNING RECORDS AND THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS; 13-9, CONCERNING RULES AND REGULATIONS; 13-10, CONCERNING OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT; AND 13-21, CONCERNING WINTER BURIALS.