



SECTION 12. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

12.5. BURIALS AND CREMATIONS POLICY

A. PURPOSE. The purpose of this policy is to establish appropriate procedures for cremation or burials of bodies of deceased indigent individuals who die in Seminole County or who have unknown identity or whose body is unclaimed.

B. FINANCIAL LIMITATION. A cap of payment to Seminole County funeral homes of \$950.00 per burial and \$400.00 per cremation has been established by the BCC. The County also provides a burial plot at the County owned cemetery at Five Points for unclaimed and unknown individuals.

C. RESPONSIBILITY. The Community Services Department is responsible for administration of the burial/cremation services.

D. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.

- (1) Indigent* Seminole County residents who die in Seminole County.
- (2) Indigents* who are not Seminole County residents but who die in Seminole County and whose bodies are not transported to their home county for burial or cremation.
- (3) People with unknown identity who die in Seminole County.
- (4) People with known or unknown identity who die in Seminole County and whose body is unclaimed.

In the case where the body of the deceased is claimed, the person claiming the body (relative) as well as the deceased must be low income in order to qualify for County funding.

* Indigent refers to individuals who are at or below the current Federal poverty level.

E. GENERAL ISSUES. Cremation. Cremation will be approved for eligible cases only with written authority of next of kin.

F. AUTHORITY. Approved by the BCC October 5, 1982
Chapter 406, Florida Statutes
Resolution 2012-R-107 adopted June 12, 2012
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