

RESOLUTION

of the

SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AMENDING THE SEMINOLE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 12.5 (BURIALS AND CREMATIONS) IN ORDER TO REMOVE THE FEE SCHEDULE CAP PAID TO FUNERAL HOME PROVIDERS WHO CONTRACT WITH SEMINOLE COUNTY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Seminole County Ordinance No. 89-28 created the Seminole County Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, Seminole County Resolution Numbers 89-R-438 and 05-R-151 adopted the Seminole County Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, the Seminole County Administrative Code needs to be amended from time to time to reflect changes in the administration of County government; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 406.52(3)(a), Florida Statutes, a board of county commissioners may, by resolution or ordinance, prescribe policies and procedures for the burial or cremation of the entire unclaimed remains of an indigent person whose death occurred, or whose remains were found, in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Community Services Department is the designated County department charged with the arrangement for the burial or cremation of deceased indigent individuals who die in Seminole County or who have unknown identity or whose body is unclaimed; and

WHEREAS, in its capacity as County designee for the disposition of such remains, the Community Services Department desires to amend Section 12.5 of the Seminole County Administrative Code to facilitate this process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida that:

Section 1. Section 12.5 of the Seminole County Administrative Code is hereby amended by replacing it in its entirety with the amendment attached to and made a part of this Resolution as Exhibit A.

Section 2. This Resolution and the attached Exhibit A will take effect immediately following their adoption of and will remain in effect until terminated or superseded by further action of the Board.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

GRANT MALOY
Clerk to the Board of
County Commissioners of
Seminole County, Florida.



By: _____

JAY ZEMBOWER, Chairman

Date: _____

Attachment:
Exhibit A: Section 12.5

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Authority: Section 406.52(3)(a), Florida Statutes



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. The BCC shall approve the County's burial and cremation rates for deceased indigent individuals, which rates shall be memorialized in the County's vendor agreements for indigent burial and cremation services. ~~A cap of payment to Seminole County funeral homes of \$950.00 per burial and \$600.00 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. The County provides a burial plot at the County owned cemetery at Five Points for unclaimed and unknown individuals.

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.

* 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. The Community Services Director or authorized representative can authorize cremation of unclaimed decedents on the County's behalf subject to the procedures and guidelines set forth in Section 406.50, Florida Statutes, as that statute may be amended from time to time.

F. AUTHORITY. Approved by the BCC October 5, 1982
Chapter 406, Florida Statutes
Resolution 2012-R-107 adopted June 12, 2012
Resolution 2016-R-27 adopted February 23, 2016
Resolution 2021-R-93 adopted June 22, 2021
Resolution 2025-R-_____ adopted _____