

STARLAND COUNTY POLICY MANUAL

FUNTION: Cemeteries

FUNCTION NUMBER: 560

POLICY: Grave Plot Excavation and Back Filling Costs

POLICY NUMBER: 560-1

DATE: November 01, 2012

PURPOSE:

To establish and set forth charges for the excavation and back-filling of cemetery plots in Starland County cemeteries.

Starland County utilizes County equipment and employees to carry out grave plot excavation and back-filling in municipally owned cemeteries. Based on current estimates provided by Public Works, the costs of a typical burial operation can be higher than \$800.00. The calculations carried out assume there is no frost, no need to construct a rough box to contain the earth around the edges of the excavation, and that the work is being performed during normal working hours.

While the County does not intend to make a profit from this operation, there is a need to recognize the cost of the operation, and this is especially the case if the burial is on a holiday or weekend where employees are being paid overtime to accommodate a burial.

COST OF SERVICES:

1. Effective January 01, 2012, the cost of Grave site preparation by Starland County staff in all Starland County cemeteries will be charged as follows:

Service	Fee
Full Service – Grave site preparation and back-filling	\$650.00 + G.S.T.
Full Service Weekend, Holidays or After Regular Hours – Grave site preparation and back-filling on any portion of a weekend or holiday day.	\$900.00 + G.S.T.
Cremation Services – Preparation for a Cremation burial	\$100.00 + G.S.T.
Cremation Services Weekend, Holidays or After Regular Hours – Cremation burial site preparation on any portion of a weekend or holiday day.	\$150.00 + G.S.T.
Additional Charges – eg. Tree removal, cement cover removal, snow removal to facilitate burial	May be added to regular fees.

2. Plot owners will have the option to do their own grave site preparation and or cremation site preparation, as long as the owner and / or their contractor have obtained the necessary work permit as required in Bylaw 1055.
3. Starland County will locate and mark the burial site in either case, and no charges will be levied for the locational services provided.
4. The Council of Starland County can by waive or modify fees by motion.

Policy Amendments:

Adopted by Council: C12-190 – October 10, 2012