



Human Services

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POLICY AND PROCEDURE

NAME: County Burial Policy

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 16, 1996 REVISION DATE: 3/8/2016, 11/8/2022, 5/8/2025

UNIT/DEPARTMENT: Human Services POLICY & PROCEDURE #: II-1.02

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RENNVILLE COUNTY BURIAL POLICY

Rates Effective November 8, 2022

Reference: [Minnesota Statutes 261.035](#), [261.04](#), and [142G.95](#).

Policies:

1. All applications for Burial Assistance must be made prior to the funeral by the next of kin. Upon completion and approval of application, authorization will be given to the funeral home and family. All county burials must be prior authorized and not to exceed county approved rates.
2. Cremation will be the standard process for final disposition with the exception of verifiable religious or cultural divergence. Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis with approval of the agency Director or their designee.
3. This policy is applicable to fetuses of 20 weeks or more, stillborn, or any live births.
4. If there will be benefits payable from Social Security, the Veterans Administration, insurance, or related resources at the time of death, Renville County will not make payment for funeral expenses or cemetery charges until such benefit has been received and credited to the funeral bill. Invoices to Renville County shall reflect these credits.
5. Any amount paid for funeral expenses shall be a prior claim against the estate and any amounts recovered shall be reimbursed to Renville County for paying the funeral expenses.

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6. Voluntary contributions toward funeral expenses from family and friends are encouraged by Renville County. Any such voluntary contributions will be used to reduce total County expenses toward the funeral costs.
7. Any funds from family and or friends that are not directed to offset the cost of the County burial can only be used for items not covered by the County, and may be processed directly with the funeral service provider. Such items may include clergy honoraria, musician honoraria, vocal honoraria, janitorial costs, food and serving costs, media notices, flowers, registration packages, under special circumstances embalming/preparing body for viewing prior to cremation, permanent grave marker, etc. If cremation is selected the family will be responsible for the cost of any cemetery needs. These items must not be paid out of the deceased persons remaining assets/estate.
8. Any crowdfunding sources such as benefits, fundraisers or online sources such as GoFundMe accounts, solicited to pay for burial expenses will be considered an available asset(s) to offset the disposition costs. Any crowdfunding benefits raised to help pay for medical expenses of a deceased recipient of Medical Assistance will be considered available if the Medical Assistance Program covered all medical expenses. Any outstanding medical bills of the deceased that are not covered by Medical Assistance may be paid by a crowdfunding source as an allowable expense, however, any remaining balance in the crowdfunding source will be considered an available asset to help offset the disposition costs. Any funds being raised via crowdfunding, benefits or fundraisers may be subject to recovery for reimbursement of the county paid disposition costs.
9. The funeral home shall provide a copy of an itemized statement of services before payment will be made. All Funeral/Burial Assistance services must be conducted by a licensed funeral home/facility.
10. All Applications and supporting documentation must be submitted by designated next of kin. In the event next of kin is unable to be located, the funeral establishment may submit application and supporting documentation. Funeral establishment must provide sufficient proof of attempted to locate the next of kin.

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Cremation: Actual cost, not to exceed \$3000

Includes: Professional services of funeral director & staff
Immediate care of remains
Visitation (1hr. before service)
Memorial Service (Mon-Fri during normal business hours. Service
on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays are not allowed.)
Local removal of deceased to funeral home
Use of auto for funeral
Coroner fee to authorize cremation
Cremation container (Lowest-Cost Option)
Crematory fee
Temporary Urn (Lowest-Cost Option)
Oversized need **(MUST HAVE PRIOR APPROVAL)**

Plus: Mileage at \$1.50 per loaded mile out of county only and not to exceed 200 miles.

Traditional Funeral: Actual cost, not to exceed \$3000

Includes: Professional services of funeral director & staff
Embalming
Other preparations and care of remains
Visitation (1hr. before service)
Memorial Service (Mon-Fri during normal business hours. Service
on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays are not allowed.)
Local removal of deceased to funeral home
Use of auto for funeral
Casket (Lowest-Cost Option)
Grave Liner (Lowest-Cost Option)
Cemetery needs (Opening & Closing, Lot)
Oversized Need **(MUST HAVE PRIOR APPROVAL)**

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CROSS REFERENCE(S): _____ REVIEWED/APPROVED: 11/8/2022

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