

ORDINANCE NO. 562, BOOK NO. 5

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 12, CEMETERIES, SECTION 12-41 and 12-44 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF IRONWOOD, MICHIGAN.

THE CITY OF IRONWOOD ORDAINS:

Section 1. The Code entitled "Code of Ordinances, City of Ironwood, Michigan," Chapter 12, titled Cemeteries is hereby amended to add the following language to Section 12-41 and Section 12-44. The Amended Chapter 12, Section 12-41, and Section 12-44 shall read as follows: Amend Chapter 12, Section 12-41, and Section 12-44 by amending the following language:

Sec. 12-41. - Funerals and interments.

(a) The cemetery will be open for interments year-round~~year-round~~. Burials in winter months (December, January, and February) will be at the city's discretion, depending on weather or availability of personnel and city equipment. Notice of funerals shall be given at least eight working hours in advance to the city manager or the city manager's agent.

(b) Notice of funerals shall be given at least twenty-four (24) working hours in advance to the City Manager or his/her designee. No interment shall take place without a burial permit which shall be presented by the funeral director upon arrival at the cemetery. Orders received from funeral directors for the opening of graves will be construed as orders from the lot owners. Funeral directors making arrangements for burials shall be responsible for all interment charges.

(c) No interment of two or more bodies shall be made in one grave, except that the bodies of an adult and child under the age of one year may be buried in a single grave, or two children under the age of one year of the same parents may be buried in a single grave.

(d) For any lots purchased prior to the adoption of the ordinance from which this section is derived, being December 11, 2000, six containers of cremated remains may be buried in a grave that does not and will not contain a body. Thereafter, three containers of cremated remains may be buried in a grave that does not and will not contain a body. No more than three containers of cremated remains may be buried in one grave which may also contain one previously interred body. Two containers of remains may be buried in advance of a subsequent body interment. Unauthorized burial of ashes is prohibited. All burials must be made by the sexton and recorded in the city clerk's office.

(e) Lot owners shall not allow interments in their lots in return for remuneration of any kind.

(f) On entering the cemetery, all funerals shall be under the charge of the cemetery sexton.

(g) No interment of three or more containers of cremated remains shall be made in one above-ground columbarium (ash crypt), which must be located in Block 46, Lots 65 to 72. ~~Unauthorized burials of ashes is prohibited.~~

(h) **Unauthorized burial or spreading of ashes within the Cemetery is prohibited. All burials must be authorized by the Sexton, scheduled, and properly recorded in the City Clerk's office.**

Sec. 12-44. – Enforcement of Rules and Regulations

The city is empowered to enforce all rules and regulations of this article and to exclude from the cemetery any person violating them. The city shall have charge of the grounds and buildings including the conduct of funerals, traffic, employees, plot owners and visitors and at all times shall have supervision and control of all persons in the cemetery.

In addition to the above provisions, any violation of Section 12-41(c), (d), (e), or (g) is a misdemeanor and any person convicted of a violation by a court of competent jurisdiction shall be punished as provided in section 1-8 of the rules or regulations issued pursuant thereof, every person convicted of a violation of any provision adopted or issued shall be punished by a fine as described in Chapter 1-46. Illegally burying or spreading of ashes within the cemetery will result in a minimum fine that is the current rate to inter a cremated remain, inclusive of the cost of perpetual care.

Section 2. Repealer. Any Ordinance that is in conflict is hereby repealed.

Section 3. Severability. If any word, clause, sentence, paragraph, or provision of this ordinance is deemed to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such word, clause, sentence, paragraph, or provision so designated shall be deemed severable and the remaining provisions of the ordinance shall be deemed fully enforceable.

Section 4. Effective Date. The terms and provisions of this ordinance shall become effective upon publication and adoption in accordance with law.

Adopted and approved by the City Commission of the City of Ironwood, Michigan, this 26th day of October 2026.

Effective: October 29, 2026

KIM S. CORCORAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JENNIFER L. JACOBSON, CITY CLERK