



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Agenda Date	December 12, 2023
Requested Action	CONSIDER ON FIRST READING ORDINANCE NO. 2023-39; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF BOERNE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 6. CEMETERY, SECTION 6-26. CEMETERY HOURS OF OPERATION AND SECTION 6-27. INTERMENT AND INURNMENT; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN \$200 FOR VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Contact Person	Lisette Jimenez, Director of Parks and Recreation
Background Information	<p>Staff installed a new columbarium in October of 2023, offering double niches for the first time. The current cemetery ordinances do not specifically address double niches. Staff is proposing to amend ordinances to current cemetery standards.</p> <p>The current ordinance, Section 6-27. Interment and Inurnment reads as follows:</p> <p>Application for interring a body or inurning the cremated remains of a body shall be made to a city-appointed cemetery sexton. A permit for such interment will be issued if proper certificates, as required by state law, have been provided. The cemetery sexton must provide to the City of Boerne, in writing, all burial information, including the name of the deceased, name of purchaser, exact location of the lot or niche, on or in which the remains are to be interred, burial details, payment information, and if available, next of kin information.</p> <p>a. <i>Interment.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Any interment in the cemetery of the city requiring a three-foot long or longer casket shall be made in a concrete box or a nonbiodegradable casket.ii. Not more than two (2) bodies may be interred in one (1) grave space.iii. Cremated remains of one (1) or more bodies may be

	<p>buried in a grave space.</p> <p>b. <i>Inurnment</i>. Only one (1) human remain may be interred in a niche in the Boerne Cemetery Urn Garden.</p> <p>The proposed ordinance would amend Section 6-27. a and b to the following:</p> <p>a.</p> <p>iii. Cremated remains of no more than four (4) bodies may be buried in a grave space.</p> <p>iv. Cremated remains of no more than two (2) bodies may be buried in a grave space containing two (2) previous interments.</p> <p>v. Cremated remains of no more than three (3) bodies may be buried in a grave space containing one (1) previous interment.</p> <p>b. <i>Inurnment</i>. Only one (1) human remain may be interred in a niche in the Boerne Cemetery Urn Garden unless a double niche is purchased.</p> <p>Additionally, staff is proposing to amend Section 6-26 to reflect the proper hours of operation.</p> <p>The current ordinance reads as follows:</p> <p>All work performed in the cemetery by any firm, partnership, corporation contractor, or any other entity not connected with the city shall be conducted and performed during the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.</p> <p>The proposed amended ordinance will read as follows.</p> <p>All work performed in the cemetery by any firm, partnership, corporation contractor, or any other entity not connected with the city shall be conducted and performed during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday.</p>
Item Justification	<div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legal/Regulatory Obligation <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigate Risk <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan Recommendation </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Investment <input type="checkbox"/> Customer Pull <input type="checkbox"/> Service Enhancement <input type="checkbox"/> Process Efficiency <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Mayoral Appt</u> </div> </div>

Strategic Alignment	B1 – Utilizing data to drive smart decision-making , C1 – Offering quality customer experiences, C3 – Collaborating with community partners to enhance quality of life
Financial Considerations	
Citizen Input/Board Review	Boerne Sextons; Ebensberger-Fisher Funeral Home and Holt & Holt Funeral Home
Legal Review	TOASE
Alternative Options	
Supporting Documents	Current Boerne City Cemetery Ordinance- Section 6-26 and 6-27