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# INDIGENT BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

## *Exclusions in Indigent Burials & Cremations are:*

- ***No funeral services***
- ***No head stones***
- ***No graveside services***
- ***Cremains are placed in  
the custody of the city***

The city provides burial and cremation for individuals who have no assets or who have no apparent family. City cemeteries have areas designated for burial of "Indigent" persons or ashes.

The service is provided in order to give a dignified final resting place for individuals when families or loved ones do not have the means of providing a normal burial or cremation.

For those indigent who are cremated, the ashes will remain in the custody of the city and preserved permanently in a dignified manner.

In order to be considered for this service, families or friends of the deceased must qualify through the Department of Family and Children Services (DFACS).

## **The steps that must be taken to qualify are as follows:**

- If the family or individual being buried or cremated have no funds for a funeral or cremation, the Muscogee County Coroner's office or the funeral home having custody of the body may direct the family to DFACS along with the necessary indigent request form.
- After providing DFACS with the indigent request form, an investigation and determination for approval will be made by a DFACS representative. If approved, the proper paperwork will be provided to the funeral home or Coroner's Office where arrangements will be made for burial or cremation. Interment of the body or cremains will be handled by the Columbus Public Works Department.
- **NO FUNERAL SERVICES ALLOWED** for indigent burials. Grave markers **MAY NOT BE PLACED** on the grave. Burials are scheduled Monday thru Friday at 10:00am or 1:00pm.
- Those who later wish to claim the remains of their loved one must pay any applicable costs to the City of Columbus for the interment, disinterment or cremation.

