

# **Crosby Township Policy for the Burial or Cremation of Unclaimed or Indigent Bodies at the Expense of the Township**

Resolution enacted: 08 - 2013

Crosby Township will pay for cremation of any unclaimed or indigent person, who at the time of death was a legal resident of Crosby Township, in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 9.15 (See page 2).

Pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Section 517.06 and Section 9.15 (See page 2), Crosby Township shall provide a grave, a grave marker, and the opening and closing for burial of the cremation remains of any unclaimed or indigent person who was at the time of death a legal resident of Crosby Township. The Township shall not pay for any other costs associated with embalming, funeral, transportation, services of any kind, visitation charges, etc.

The Ohio Revised Code Section 1713.34 and 9.15 indicate that the Township Board of Trustees may deliver the body to a college or the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors in lieu of burial or cremation. The Crosby Township Trustees reserve the right to donate a deceased person's body for this purpose.

If an indigent is a veteran, Crosby Township may contact family or friends and assist them in applying to the county for an appropriate burial or cremation in accordance with Revised Code Sections 5901.25 to 5901.32.

The Township requires a completed, notarized, application by the deceased's representative and a funeral home representative.

The Township may seek bids for the cost of cremation from more than one funeral home.

The Township may select the funeral home that will provide the cremation service.

## **OHIO REVISED CODE Sections cited.**

### **9.15 Burial or cremation of body at expense of township or municipal corporation.**

When the body of a dead person is found in a township or municipal corporation, and such person was not an inmate of a correctional, benevolent, or charitable institution of this state, and the body is not claimed by any person for private interment or cremation at the person's own expense, or delivered for the purpose of medical or surgical study or dissection in accordance with section 1713.34 of the Revised Code, it shall be disposed of as follows:

(A) If the person was a legal resident of the county, the proper officers of the township or municipal corporation in which the person's body was found shall cause it to be buried or cremated at the expense of the township or municipal corporation in which the person had a legal residence at the time of death.

(B) If the person had a legal residence in any other county of the state at the time of death, the superintendent of the county home of the county in which such body was found shall cause it to be buried or cremated at the expense of the township or municipal corporation in which the person had a legal residence at the time of death.

(C) If the person was an inmate of a correctional institution of the county or a patient or resident of a benevolent institution of the county, the person had no legal residence in the state, or the person's legal residence is unknown, the superintendent shall cause the person to be buried or cremated at the expense of the county.

Such officials shall provide, at the grave of the person or, if the person's cremated remains are buried, at the grave of the person's cremated remains, a stone or concrete marker on which the person's name and age, if known, and date of death shall be inscribed.

A political subdivision is not relieved of its duty to bury or cremate a person at its expense under this section when the body is claimed by an indigent person.

Effective Date: 2007 HB119 09-29-2007

### **517.06 Cemetery plat.**

The board of township trustees shall have the cemetery laid out in lots, avenues, and paths, shall number the lots, and shall have a suitable plat of the lots made, which plat shall be carefully kept by the township fiscal officer. The board shall make and enforce all needful rules and regulations for the division of the cemetery into lots, for the allotment of lots to families or individuals, and for the care, supervision, and improvement of the lots. The board shall require the grass and weeds in the cemetery to be cut and destroyed at least twice each year. Suitable provision shall be made in the cemetery for persons whose burial is at the expense of the township.

Effective Date: 10-01-1953; 12-20-2005

**1713.34 Medical colleges or embalming board may receive bodies for study or dissection - procedure.**

Superintendents of city hospitals, directors or superintendents of city infirmaries, county homes, or other charitable institutions, directors or superintendents of workhouses, founded and supported in whole or in part at public expense, superintendents or managing officers of state benevolent institutions, boards of township trustees, sheriffs, or coroners, in possession of bodies not claimed or identified, or which must be buried at the expense of the state, county, or township, before burial, shall notify the professor of anatomy in a college which by its charter is empowered to teach anatomy, or the secretary of the board of embalmers and funeral directors of this state, of the fact that such bodies are being so held. If after a period of thirty-six hours the body has not been accepted by friends or relatives for burial at their expense, such superintendent, director, or other officer, on the written application of such professor, or the secretary of the board of embalmers and funeral directors, shall deliver to such professor or secretary, for the purpose of medical or surgical study or dissection or for the study of embalming, the body of any such person who died in any of such institutions from any disease which is not infectious. The expense of the delivery of the body shall be borne by the parties in whose keeping the body was placed.

Effective Date: 10-06-1994; 2008 HB130 04-07-2009

**5901.25 Commission to contract for burial of indigent veteran, parent, spouse or surviving spouse of veteran.**

The board of county commissioners shall require the veterans service commission, upon application and with the approval of the family or friends of the deceased, to contract, at a fair and reasonable price, with the funeral director selected by the family or friends, and cause to be interred or cremated in a decent and respectable manner the body of any veteran, or the parent, spouse, or surviving spouse of any such veteran, who dies without the means to defray the necessary funeral or cremation expenses. Such a burial may be made in any cemetery or burial ground within the state, other than those used exclusively for the burial of paupers and criminals.

Effective Date: 08-05-1998