

ORDINANCE NO. 2000- 6

**AN ORDINANCE OF HOPKINS COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1997-11, PROVIDING ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PAUPER BURIALS IN HOPKINS COUNTY.**

WHEREAS, the governing body of Hopkins County, the Hopkins County Fiscal Court, has determined that the policy established for pauper burials in Hopkins County by Ordinance No. 1997-11 shall be changed and restated in its entirety reflecting all changes.

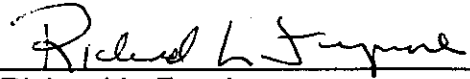
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Fiscal Court of Hopkins County that the following policy shall be adopted concerning pauper burials in Hopkins County.

1. A pauper is defined as "a person so poor that he must be supported at public expense; a person destitute of any means whatsoever, except as are derived from charity."
2. If the deceased meets the definition of a pauper as set forth above, a request shall be submitted to the Hopkins County Fiscal Court for approval of a pauper burial (see attached request form).
3. Upon advice from the County Attorney that the deceased meets the definition of a pauper, Hopkins County authorizes the direct cremation of the deceased with reimbursement to the funeral home not to exceed \$500.00. The payment to the funeral home by Hopkins County shall be offset by any payments received from the family or estate of the deceased.
4. If the deceased meets the definition of a pauper as set forth above and if the death of the deceased has been investigated by the Hopkins County Coroner, which may require that the body be exhumed at a later date, then

a direct burial of the deceased is authorized with reimbursement to the funeral home not to exceed \$750.00. The payment to the funeral home by Hopkins County shall be offset by any payments received from the family or estate of the deceased. The family or a third party shall furnish the grave site.

5. The funeral homes of Hopkins County have agreed to cooperate with the Fiscal Court in providing a pauper's funeral as described. However, should a family or friend accept the pauper's funeral under this plan, no additions whatsoever would be made to the funeral service. Should family or friends ask for additions (visitation, service provided by funeral home, etc.), the County would not participate in the payment of the funeral home.

Upon motion of Magistrate Hamilton, seconded by Magistrate P. Hawkins, the first reading was held and approved by the Fiscal Court in its regular meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2000.

  
Richard L. Frymire  
Hopkins County Judge/Executive

Attest:

  
Devra Steckler, Hopkins County Clerk

Upon motion of Magistrate Hamilton, seconded by Magistrate P. Hawkins, the second reading was held and approved by the Fiscal Court

in its regular meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2000.

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