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Committee: Cemetery Commission	Meeting Date: December 8, 2025
ID Number: 25-02680	Ordinance/Resolution Number (if applicable):
Department Submitting: Cemetery	Submission Date: December 5, 2025
Agenda Item Title: Review and act on proposed 2026 pricing for Prairie Home Cemetery.	

Issue Before the Council: Whether or not to approve pricing adjustments for cemetery products and services for 2026.
Options & Alternatives: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approve recommended pricing adjustments for 2026.2. Approve 2026 pricing adjustments with modifications.3. Deny the pricing adjustments and continue operating with 2025 pricing.
Additional Details: <p>Due to increasing costs of labor and materials, as well as expressed desire to reduce the general fund contribution to the cemetery, price increases are recommended for 2026.</p> <p>Pricing was reviewed by category and recommended pricing changes for most categories are between 2% and 10% increase.</p>



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What is the Strategic Plan Priority this item relates to:

Financial Sustainability: The cemetery operates as an enterprise fund of the city. As such, the operating revenues are intended to cover operating costs. With costs increasing and city budget challenges, it is prudent to annually review, and increase, if reasonable, the cost recovery for services with revenue-generating activities.

What impact will this item have on the Strategic Plan Priority?

Approving the price increases will lead to decreasing the cemetery's dependency on general fund contributions.

Financial Remarks:

If approved, the Cemetery should see increased operating revenues that cover the budget shortfall and make it possible to reduce future contributions from the general fund.

Executive Recommendation:

Recommend approval of proposed pricing adjustments for 2026.

Recommended Motion:

I move to approve the proposed 2026 price changes for Prairie Home Cemetery.

Reviewed By:

Reviewer #1 Name & Title	Reviewer Signature
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City Administrator	Reviewer Signature

Prairie Home Cemetery - Proposed Pricing for 2026

Category	2025 Pricing		Proposed 2026 Pricing	
			Increase rounded up to nearest 5	
	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
Property Rights: 10% except 2nd/3rd right fee				
Graves	\$920	\$1,575	\$1,015	\$1,735
Cremation Graves	\$735		\$810	
Crypts				
Single	\$3,940	\$4,385	\$4,335	\$4,825
True Companion/Multiple	\$6,355	\$9,030	\$6,995	\$9,935
Niches				
Single	\$1,630	\$3,205	\$1,795	\$3,530
True Companion/Multiple (niches, family niches, etc.)	\$3,255	\$6,405	\$3,585	\$7,050
Other (Benches, rocks, etc.)				
Cremation Benches	\$3,990		\$4,390	
Cremation Rocks	\$3,360		\$3,700	
Cremation Garden	\$660		\$730	
2nd/3rd Right (100% increase)	\$225		\$450	
Interments/Inurnments/Entombments: 10%				
Interment in ground	\$1,430		\$1,575	
Inurnment				
Cremains in ground	\$1,155		\$1,275	
Niche, Bench, Rock, etc.	\$775		\$855	
Cremation Garden	\$670		\$740	
Addition for Double inurnment (simultaneous)	\$225		\$250	
Entombment - crypt	\$985		\$1,085	
Disinterment (not available in natural burial area)				

Category	2025 Pricing			Proposed 2026 Pricing	
				Increase rounded up to nearest 5	
	LOW	HIGH		LOW	HIGH
cremains				1.5x interment fee	1.5x interment fee
full size burial				2x interment fee	2x interment fee
Foundations: 5%					
Permit fee	\$210			\$225	
Foundations	\$210	\$810		\$225	\$855
Inscriptions: 2% (except permit fee and bronze)					
Permit Fee (no change)	\$55			\$55	
Crypt					
General	\$505	\$905		\$520	\$925
Final Dates	\$350			\$360	
Niches					
General	\$375	\$505		\$385	\$520
Final Dates	\$245	\$350		\$250	\$360
Final Dates on Grave Markers	\$245	\$375		\$250	\$385
Bronze Name/Date Scrolls/Plates (10%)	\$320	\$600		\$355	\$660
Burial Board (5%)	\$330			\$350	
Decoration Accessories (10% except as indicated below)					
White Bud vase	\$165			\$185	
Bronze Bud vase	\$210			\$235	
Small Crypt vase	\$400			\$440	
Large Crypt vase	\$585			\$645	
Triple Rose Applique	\$505			\$560	

Category	2025 Pricing			Proposed 2026 Pricing	
				Increase rounded up to nearest 5	
	LOW	HIGH		LOW	HIGH
Other Appliques	\$220	\$245		\$245	\$260
Zinc Ground Vase (25%)	\$130			\$165	
Wreaths (no change)	\$55	\$70		\$55	\$70
Silk Bouquets (no change)	\$30	\$48		\$30	\$48
Fees (5%)					
Overtime Fee	\$420			\$445	
Winter Surcharge	\$265			\$280	
Tent Rental	\$75			\$80	
Chapel rental rate (hourly)	\$210	\$240		\$225	\$255
Miscelaneous Fees (marker removals, special services, cleaning, concrete work, etc.)	\$100	\$310		\$105	\$330
Administrative Fees					
Relinquishment/Assignment/Transfer (by owner)	\$75			\$80	
Relinquishment/Assignment/Transfer (by non-owner)	\$100			\$105	
Permissions	\$50			\$55	
Restocking fee (per property)	\$50			\$55	