

BILL # 916-22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5-102 OF CHAPTER 5 "ANIMALS" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLED "CREMATION SERVICES AND FEES."

SECTION 1. That Chapter 5, Article IV, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, be, and hereby is, amended by repealing Section 5-102 titled "Cremation services and fees" and enacting in lieu thereof a new Section 5-102 to be numbered, entitled and read as follows:

Sec. 5-102. Cremation services.

The animal control and rescue shelter will provide cremation services for dogs and cats, with the option of returning their ashes to their owner. Fees shall be determined based upon the animals weight and whether or not ashes will be returned to the owner.

Dogs and cats may be cremated at the same time but they will be separated if their ashes will be returned to their owner.

SECTION 2. That any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance be, and hereby are, repealed.

SECTION 3. That if any provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid, such provision shall be considered to be severable from the other parts of this ordinance and shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after date of passage.

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

Attest: 

City Clerk

Passed: July 22, 2024



Mayor

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General Ordinance

Council Agenda #: 49077, 49093-4

Ordinance #: 3106

Sponsored by Councilmember:

AGENDA ACCEPTED BY COUNCIL

Read first time: July 8, 2024
Statutory wait after first reading complied with

July 15, 2024

Passed July 22, 2024

Date: July 8, 2024

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EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Health Department

PURPOSE: To amend Section 5-102 titled "Cremation services and fees" of Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances.

REMARKS: Section 5-102 of the Code of Ordinances is proposed to be updated to simplify the cremation process and increase efficiency while processing the crematory remains and returning them to their owner. Citizens will continue to have the option to receive their pet's ashes while allowing staff to process multiple animals each day. The incinerator requires a run time of approximately seven hours for each cycle.

Cremation fees will be calculated based on the pet's weight and average cost of administering the service which includes careful handling of the pet's remains by a trained professional. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requires staff be trained prior to operating the incinerator. Citizens will be informed of the cost of cremation prior to surrendering their pet. Alternative options will be discussed should a citizen express concern about not being able to cover the cost or choose not to cremate.

A copy of the current language is attached.

The project reflects the following action items in the City's strategic plan:

1. Ensure Fiscal Responsibility: Increase productivity and efficiency of workforce and equipment usage by scheduling maintenance activity and working geographically.
2. Ensure Fiscal Responsibility: Increase program fees where necessary on a regular basis with market information taken into consideration.

Sec. 5-102. - Cremation services and fees.

- (a) The animal control and rescue shelter will provide cremation services for dogs and cats for the following fees:
- (1) For congregate cremations, with ashes returned, the following fees apply:
 - a. Small pet (1 to 24 lbs.)\$30.00
 - b. Medium pet (25 to 49 lbs.)\$40.00
 - c. Large pet (50 to 99 lbs.)\$45.00
 - d. X-large pet (over 99 lbs.)\$60.00
 - (2) For individual cremations, with ashes returned, the following fees apply:
 - a. Small pet (1 to 24 lbs.)\$70.00
 - b. Medium pet (25 to 49 lbs.)\$80.00
 - c. Large pet (50 to 99 lbs.)\$90.00
 - d. X-large pet (over 99 lbs.)\$100.00
 - (3) All congregated cremations, with no ashes returned, are subject to the following fee: \$10.00.
 - (4) Practicing veterinarians within the city limits may be offered a 20 percent discount for the congregate and individual cremation with the ashes returned.
- (b) The animal control and rescue division will provide pet retrieval services for cremation for an additional \$10.00 fee. The \$10.00 pet retrieval fee may be waived by the animal control and rescue manager for local veterinarians' clinics which participate in the sale of the city registration tags.
- (c) For the purpose of this section, "congregation cremations" means that more than one animal may be cremated in the crematorium at the same time. There is no guarantee that the ashes returned to the animal owner will be those of a specific animal when "congregation cremation" is the chosen method.

(G.O. 2106, 6-20-05)