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There being no further citizen comment, the Council proceeded to consider the request from the City Manager for a resolution for an Emergency First and Second reading of an ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Thomasville Chapter 6 "Cemeteries" Section 6-4 so as to amend services and rates.

On motion of Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Singletary, the following resolution of emergency was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that there exists an emergency status of need requiring the adoption of an ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Thomasville so as to amend cemetery services and rates, on the first and second readings at one meeting.

SO DONE, this 13th day of March, 2000.

On motion of Councilmember Singletary, and seconded by Councilmember Payne, the following ordinance was unanimously ordered read for the first and second times at this one meeting, passed, and adopted:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1 CAPTIONED "WORK IN CEMETERIES PERFORMED BY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT" OF CHAPTER 6 CAPTIONED "CEMETERIES"; AND TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE BY STRIKING IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 6-4 CAPTIONED "BURIAL FEES; NOTICE REQUIRED" AND BY SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR AN ENTIRELY NEW SECTION 6-4 CAPTIONED "BURIAL ADMINISTRATIVE FEES; NOTICE REQUIRED" IN CHAPTER 6 CAPTIONED "CEMETERIES" SO AS TO AMEND SERVICES AND RATES; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

SECTION I

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Thomasville and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same that the Code of the City of Thomasville is hereby amended by amending Section 6-1 captioned "Work in Cemeteries performed by Public Works Department" of Chapter 6 captioned "Cemeteries" to read as follows:

"Section 6-1 Work in cemeteries performed by public works department.

No work shall be done in the cemetery except under the direction of the public works department. The work of the public works department for all burials shall be to lay out the grave space in the appropriate location and to maintain permanent records of new and existing locations. No concrete work or work of any kind shall be done by the public works department on vaults, such work to be done only under the supervision of the public works department. In no event shall any materials for vaults or graves be supplied by or charged to the city."

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Thomasville and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same that the Code of the City of Thomasville is further hereby amended by striking in its entirety Section 6-4 captioned "Burial fees; notice required" and by substituting therefor an entirely new Section 6-4 captioned "Burial administrative fees; notice required" to read as follows:

"Section 6-4 Burial administrative fees; notice required.

(a) Burial fees: An administrative fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) will be charged to the funeral director for each burial, along with a damage deposit of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00). The damage deposit will be refundable if no settlement occurs or no additional cleanup is required on the new or previous gravesites. The damage deposit does not cover vaults, headstones, slabs, memorials, benches, trees, shrubbery, or other improvements. Damage to those items will result in full replacement costs by the funeral director.

(b) The superintendent of cemeteries must be given twenty-four (24) hours notice before the hour of the funeral for the laying out of a gravesite.

(c) For Sunday funerals, notice must be given before 4:30 p.m. on the preceding Friday."

SECTION III

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict are hereby repealed for the purposes of this ordinance only.

SECTION IV

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective April 1, 2000.

SECTION V

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that upon its final adoption the provisions of this ordinance shall be made a part of the official codified ordinances of the City of Thomasville.

SECTION VI

This ordinance was read for the first and second time at a lawful meeting of the Council of the City of Thomasville after resolution of emergency, and duly adopted on this the 13th day of March, 2000.