

**TOOELE COUNTY  
RESOLUTION 2021-05**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY FOR THE CREMATION OF  
INDIGENT DECEASED RESIDENTS OF TOOELE COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Tooele County annually budgets funds for the cremation of indigent deceased residents of Tooele County; and

**WHEREAS**, Tooele County desires to ensure that the funds are spent wisely and uniformly;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOOELE COUNTY COUNCIL** that the attached "Tooele County Department of Human Services Indigent Cremation Services Policy" is hereby adopted.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

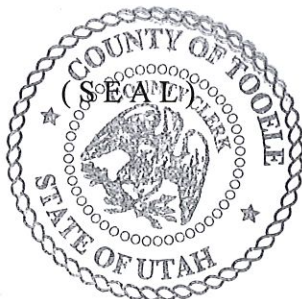
**DATED** this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2021.

**ATTEST:**

**TOOELE COUNTY COUNCIL:**

  
MARILYN K. GILLETTE, Clerk

  
TOM TRIPP, Council Chair



Council Member Hamner voted	<i>aye</i>
Council Member Hoffmann voted	<i>aye</i>
Council Member Thomas voted	<i>aye</i>
Council Member Tripp voted	<i>aye</i>
Council Member Wardle voted	<i>aye</i>

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
COLIN R. WINCHESTER  
Deputy Tooele County Attorney

**TOOELE COUNTY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**  
**INDIGENT CREMATION SERVICES POLICY**  
**Adopted: February 2, 2021**

**POLICY:** It shall be the policy of Tooele County to provide for indigent cremation services for Tooele County deceased residents who qualify under the 2020 Poverty Guidelines published January 17, 2020 by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**PURPOSE:** To provide families the opportunity to have a deceased family member qualify for indigent cremation services that are dignified, respectful and timely.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. A contract will be in place with a funeral home(s) in Tooele County that is willing and able to provide indigent cremation services. Indigent services will consist of cremation of the deceased with cremains returned to the loved one's family. If no family, the funeral home will dispose of the remains in the usual and customary manner.
  
2. Applications for indigent cremation services will be taken by the funeral home. Applicants will meet the Poverty Guidelines as follows:

Persons in Family Household	Poverty Guideline
1 person	\$12,760
2 people	\$17,240
3 people	\$21,720
4 people	\$26,200

- Determination of indigency will be made by the funeral home director or designee when the deceased is identified as "unknown" or has no identifiable family members.

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### Indigent Cremation Services

- Determination of indigency will be made by the funeral home director or designee when the family qualifies for indigent cremation services under the Poverty Guidelines.
- Indigent cremation will include return of the cremains in a simple urn or vessel. Cost of service shall not exceed \$500 including the urn. Family members may apply for a death certificate by contacting the Tooele County Health Department, Vital Records, Ph: 435-277-2301.

### INVOICE:

Upon the conclusion of the indigent cremation services, the funeral home director or designee will submit an invoice in the amount of \$500 to Tooele County for reimbursement. Remit invoices to:

***Tooele County Indigent Services  
Department of Human Services---Administration  
47 South Main St., Rm. 114  
Tooele, Utah 84074***

Invoices will be paid monthly, on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.