

**TOOELE COUNTY
RESOLUTION 2023-16
(REPLACES TOOELE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2021-05)**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDED TOOELE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES INDIGENT CREMATION
SERVICES POLICY**

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; and

WHEREAS, the Tooele County Council, via Resolution 2021-05, adopted the initial Tooele County Department of Human Services Indigent Cremation Services Policy effective February 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, due to increased costs, it is necessary to amend the initial Tooele County Department of Human Services Indigent Cremation Services Policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOOELE COUNTY COUNCIL as follows:

1. The attached “Amended Tooele County Department of Human Services Indigent Cremation Services Policy” is hereby adopted.
2. Resolution 2021-05 is hereby repealed.

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

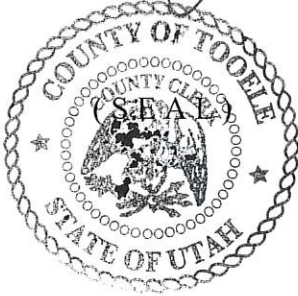
DATED this 6th day of June, 2023.

Tooele County
Res. 2023-16


ATTEST:



TRACY D. SHAW, County Clerk



TOOELE COUNTY COUNCIL:



JARED S. HAMNER, Council Chair

Council Member Hamner voted aye
Council Member Hoffmann voted aye
Council Member Stromberg voted aye
Council Member Thomas voted aye
Council Member Wardle voted aye

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 06/20/2023

COLIN R. WINCHESTER
Deputy Tooele County Attorney

**AMENDED TOOELE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
INDIGENT CREMATION SERVICES POLICY**

Adopted: June 6, 2023

POLICY: It is the policy of Tooele County to pay for indigent cremation services for deceased Tooele County residents who qualify under the Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines periodically published in the Federal Register.

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 mortuary 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 decedent's family. If no family is identified, the mortuary will dispose of the cremains in the usual and customary manner.
2. Applications for indigent cremation services will be taken by the mortuary. Decedents must be residents of Tooele County and must meet the Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines periodically published in the Federal Register. Determination of indigency will be made by the mortuary director or designee.
3. Indigent cremation will include return of the cremains in a simple urn or vessel. Cost of service shall not exceed \$1,000 including the urn.
4. Death certificate(s) may be obtained from the Tooele County Health Department, Vital Records, phone 435-277-2301.
5. Upon the completion of the indigent cremation services, the mortuary director or designee shall submit an invoice to Tooele County in an amount for no more than the contracted amount, and not to exceed \$1,000. Invoices shall be sent to:

Tooele County Indigent Services
Department of Human Services
47 South Main Street
Tooele, Utah 84074

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