



**SECTION 12. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**12.5. BURIALS AND CREMATIONS POLICY**

**A. PURPOSE.** The purpose of this policy is to establish appropriate procedures for cremation or burials of bodies of deceased indigent individuals who die in Seminole County or who have unknown identity or whose body is unclaimed.

**B. FINANCIAL LIMITATION.** A cap of payment to Seminole County funeral homes of \$950.00 per burial and \$600.00 per cremation has been established by the BCC. The County also provides a burial plot at the County owned cemetery at Five Points for unclaimed and unknown individuals.

**C. RESPONSIBILITY.** The Community Services Department is responsible for administration of the burial/cremation services.

**D. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.**

- (1) Indigent\* Seminole County residents who die in Seminole County.
- (2) Indigents\* who are not Seminole County residents but who die in Seminole County and whose bodies are not transported to their home county for burial or cremation.
- (3) People with unknown identity who die in Seminole County.
- (4) People with known or unknown identity who die in Seminole County and whose body is unclaimed.

\* Indigent refers to individuals who are at or below the current Federal poverty level.

**E. GENERAL ISSUES.** Cremation. Cremation will be approved for eligible cases. The Community Services Director or authorized representative can authorize cremation of unclaimed decedents on the County's behalf subject to the procedures and guidelines set forth in Section 406.50, Florida Statutes, as that statute may be amended from time to time.

**F. AUTHORITY.** Approved by the BCC October 5, 1982  
Chapter 406, Florida Statutes  
Resolution 2012-R-107 adopted June 12, 2012  
Resolution 2016-R-27 adopted February 23, 2016  
Resolution 2021-R-93 adopted June 22, 2021