

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-08
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13.16.030 OF THE PAROWAN CITY CODE, RELATING TO THE
PURCHASE AND TRANSFER OF BURIAL RIGHTS

ORDINANCE DATED MARCH 27TH, 2025

WHEREAS, Parowan City owns and operates a municipal cemetery for the benefit of its residents and non-residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to update the regulations governing the transfer, descent, and inheritance of burial rights to clarify ownership, enhance recordkeeping, and protect the integrity of cemetery operations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to simplify the process for owners of burial rights to transfer those rights to immediate family members, thereby reducing administrative work for both the owners and the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to preserve and protect the long-term availability of the Parowan City Cemetery by continuing to regulate the sale and transfer of burial plots, ensuring that residents of Parowan will have access to the cemetery for many years to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Parowan City, Utah, as follows:

Section 13.16.030, entitled "Purchase of Burial Rights," Subsection B of the Parowan City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. Descent and Inheritance of Burial Rights

The owner of burial rights may transfer ownership to an immediate family member at any time by submitting a notarized request to the City Recorder, or assigned employee. For purposes of this section, "immediate family member" includes the owner's spouse, child, grandchild, parent, or sibling. If the burial right is held in trust, the trustee may direct the transfer upon providing appropriate documentation of ownership and relationship to the new owner. The City shall update its records and issue a new certificate in the name of the new owner. The City shall have the right to deny the transfer if ownership cannot be satisfactorily established by the City. A required administrative fee will apply.

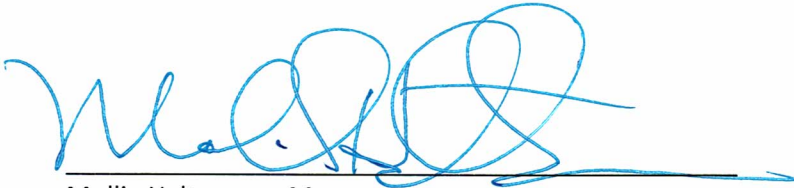
Upon the death of the owner, the burial rights descend to those named in the decedent's will or the heirs as designated by law. An affidavit of heirship, together with the power appointing one of the heirs to represent all, or a certified copy of the decree of distribution of the estate of the deceased must be presented to the City. In the absence of such documentation, it shall be the responsibility of any

applicant, under Utah state laws and guidelines to determine heirship and successorship, which may require a judicial order. The City shall have the right to deny burial if ownership cannot be satisfactorily established by the City. The heirs are entitled to the same use of the burial rights as the original owner and are bound by the same rules and regulations upon establishing ownership of the burial right.

If a burial right purchased at the resident rate is transferred to a non-resident, the transferer shall be responsible for paying the difference in the rate between the resident and non-resident prices as established by the City at the time of transfer.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council and Mayor of the City of Parowan, Iron County, State of Utah, this 25th day of March, 2025.

PAROWAN CITY



Mollie Halterman, Mayor

VOTING:	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
David Burton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	___	___	___
Rochell Topham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	___	___	___
Sharon Downey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	___	___	___
John Dean	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	___	___	___
David Harris	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	___	___	___

Attested by:



Callie Bassett, City Recorder



