

# Cemetery Information



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There are two cemeteries owned and operated by the City.

The first one, which is the oldest cemetery of the two, is called the Wrangell Memorial Cemetery, which is located 1 mile south from downtown on Zimovia Highway. The second is called Sunset Gardens Cemetery, which is located 1.5 mile south from downtown on Zimovia Highway.

The City also owns and operates the "Columbarium", which is a structure of vaults that accommodate urns. Each niche or vault is **approximately** 10.25" wide - by 10.25" high - by 15 ½" deep, which may accommodate one or two urns.

The City also has a Memorial Plaque which is located on the side wall of the Columbarium.

Grave plot sizes are: 3.5' x 9' at the Sunset Gardens Cemetery and 5' x 10' at the Memorial Cemetery.

**Steps to take first when a loved one passes is attached, along with pricing, and other pertinent information.**

**Cemetery Services – Checklist and Pertinent Information**

- Contact Ketchikan Mortuary at 907-225-4550, for information and arrangements pertaining to Cremation and Disposition, Transportation, and Urn and Headstone Purchase information.
  
- Contact Borough Clerk Kim Lane at City Hall, at 874-2381, for Purchase of Cemetery Grave plots; Niches; Memorial Plaques; Request for Burial Services for Opening and Closing of Burial Plots or Niches, at City Cemeteries; and installation of headstones. Notice shall be given no less than 48 hours. If notice is given less than 48 hours, the person in charge of requesting cemetery services will be charged extra labor fees or any overtime hours required, equal to hourly pay and benefit cost of employee required.

The Borough Clerk will help assist with the necessary procedures that are dealt with cemeteries. A customer can either pay in full or make partial payments, all payable to the City and Borough of Wrangell.

Once an order is placed and completed for the request to open and close grave plots or niches, the Public Works Department is then contacted to implement the necessary services, is given the date and time of the burial, and any other pertinent information needed.

Police escort service can be arranged upon request.

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The Uniformity of the City’s cemeteries is highly desirable. In order for uniformity, planting of trees and shrubs are prohibited, along with erection of fences or other structures of any kind. The maximum size for the base of markers or headstones is 36 inches by 20 inches and 18 inches high. The maximum weight for markers or headstones is 250 pounds. Crosses cannot exceed three feet in height and width. Permanent markers or headstones shall be set on foundations constructed and installed to the specifications of the borough except those markers that have built-in foundations. No marker or headstone shall extend beyond the border of the grave, which is three and one-half feet by nine feet.

For safety reasons, no person other than the Public Works Staff may place headstones or grave markers.

Temporary decorations, markers or monuments may be placed upon or near graves on the day of burial, on Memorial Day, Fourth of July or Veteran’s Day, and then will be removed within 7 days from the day of placement.

Any owner of an unused grave plot may return the grave plot to the City & Borough of Wrangell, as long as they provide it in writing, to the Borough Clerk’s Office. A refund will be initiated

