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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR THE COUNTY OF KLAMATH

IN THE MATTER OF INDIGENT BURIALS IN KLAMATH COUNTY AND FOR PROVIDING) FUNDS FOR INDIGENT BURIALS

ORDINANCE NO.

WHEREAS, the Klamath County Board of Commissioners has been vested with the responsibility of providing for indigent burials and for providing funds for the burial of indigent persons; and

WHEREAS, ORS 408.720 provides for the County to budget monies from the General Fund for such indigent burials; and

WHEREAS, ORS 408.730 requires that the County, upon the happening of certain events, may be required to pay up to one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the funeral expenses of an indigent war veterans and the indigent wives, widows, and minor children of the war veterans and may pay for such expenses out of the general fund in the County treasury; and

WHEREAS, ORS 146.075 (4) provides reimbursement to the County of one half (1/2) the costs of autopsies ordered under ORS 146.117, upon approval of the State Medical Examiner and shall be paid annually by the state from funds for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, ORS 146.075 (5) provides that expenses of burial or other disposition of an unclaimed body shall be paid by the County, where the death occurs, as provided by ORS 146.100 in a manner provided by ORS 146.121 (4);

THEREFORE, the Klamath County Board of Commissioners ordains as follows:

The Klamath County Board of Commissioners will pay for the cremation of the body of an indigent person without the consent of next of kin, if no relatives, friends, or interested persons claim the body after notification is attempted as provided for in the law;

Other funeral services and/or burials will only be paid for when proof is furnished to the Board of County Commissioners by the funeral home or funeral home director, that the deceased does not have any family members or heirs with the ability to pay for the services selected. The burden of this proof is the responsibility of the funeral home requesting reimbursement of funds;

	The amounts to be allowed will be established by Resolution.			
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