

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-06**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BURIAL OF SEWARD COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY CANINES IN RESTLAWN CEMETERY**

**WHEREAS**, Law enforcement agencies in Seward County, Kansas including the Seward County Sheriff's Office and Liberal Police Department utilize canines to prevent crime; and

**WHEREAS**, such law enforcement canines are eventually retired and need a location to be buried that dignifies their service to the Seward County, Kansas community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Seward County, Kansas approves amendment to the regulations of the Restlawn Cemetery to allow burial of law enforcement canines that have served Seward County in specific locations in the cemetery.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of Seward County, Kansas as follows:

**Section 1. Amendment of the Rules and Regulations of Restlawn Cemetery to Allow the Internment of Law Enforcement Canines.**

The Rules and Regulations of Restlawn Cemetery are hereby amended to allow the internment of law enforcement canines as follows:

a. Location of Burial of Law Enforcement Canines. Law enforcement canines that have served in a law enforcement agency in Seward County Kansas shall be allowed to be buried in the following locations in the Restlawn Cemetery:

- Section: Garden of the Stars, Block # 19, Lot A
- Section: Garden of the Stars, Block # 19, Lot B
- Section: Garden of the Stars, Block # 19, Lot C
- Section: Garden of the Stars, Block # 19, Lot D
- Section: Garden of the Stars, Block # 19, Lot E
- Section: Garden of the Stars, Block # 19, Lot F
- Section: Garden of the Stars, Block # 19, Lot G
- Section: Garden of the Stars, Block # 19, Lot H
- Section: Garden of the Stars, Block # 19, Lot I
- Section: Garden of the Stars, Block # 19, Lot J

b. Cremation Only. Cremation burials of law enforcement canines will only be allowed. No more than two cremation burials of law enforcement canines per plot designated above shall be allowed. Vaults for cremation burials are optional. Seward County (Restlawn Cemetery) does not provide the containers (vault) for cremation burials.

c. Proof of Law Enforcement Service Prior to Burial. Proof of a canine's service in a law enforcement agency in Seward County, Kansas will be required prior to burial. Canines serving law enforcement agencies outside of Seward County will not be allowed to be buried in the foregoing lots.

d. Fees and Permits for Opening and Closing Graves. There will be no grave opening fees for the such law enforcement canines but a permit must be procured from the Seward County Clerk's office prior to any grave opening. No permits for burial shall be issued until the following information is furnished and the following rules complied with:

- Name of Law Enforcement Canine to be buried
- Space, lot and block number on which burial is to be made
- Name of person applying for permit and his/her relationship to the Law Enforcement Canine
- Name of crematory
- Proof of Law Enforcement Service
- Year(s) of Service in law enforcement agency

A copy of the burial permit must be presented to the Restlawn Cemetery Sexton at least forty-eight (48) hours before the grave opening can be done. There will be a fee for any disinterment. This will be determined on Case-by-case bases with Minimum charge of \$150.

e. Markers. Upright Monuments and Grave Markers will follow the same rules and regulations as stated in the Restlawn Cemetery rules and regulations for other burials.

#### **Section 2. Effective Date.**

This Resolution shall be filed with the office of the Seward County Clerk and is effective upon its publication in the official newspaper of the County.

**WHEREUPON**, the Board of County Commissioners of Seward County, Kansas, upon motion duly made, seconded hereby passes and adopts this Resolution in regular session, at its chambers in Liberal, Seward County, Kansas this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2022.**

**BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS OF SEWARD  
COUNTY, KANSAS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_



Ada Linenbroker, Chairperson

**ATTEST:**



Stacia D. Long, Clerk

