

WHITFIELD COUNTY INDIGENT CREMATION/BURIAL POLICY

ELIGIBILITY

*State law reference(s)—Burial, appropriation for, O.C.G.A., § 36-12-5 et seq

A funeral is determined to be indigent when the decedent, his family, and his immediate kindred are indigent and unable to provide for his decent interment.

A decent interment is defined as having only the following services provided by the local funeral home:

1. Transport of the decedent to the funeral home
2. Dress of the decedent
3. Hearse to transport the decedent to the crematorium or gravesite
4. Cremation at a licensed cremation facility and return of cremains to next-of-kin or personal representative
5. Direct burial only in cases of religious objection and then placement in a casket of metal, wood, or sturdy cardboard
 - a. Cloth covering for casket or US flag if known to be a veteran
 - b. Hearse transportation to pauper section of West Hill cemetery of VA National cemetery

REIMBURSEMENT OF COST

Reimbursement shall be made only to Whitfield County Funeral Homes in the amount of \$450.00 for each indigent cremation or burial based on the criteria listed above for either an adult or child upon the receipt of the death certificate and the completion of the Certification of Pauper Status for Indigent Cremation or Burial