

Mad River Township
Indigent Burial Policy

PURPOSE:

The Board of Trustees recognizes it's legal duty to provide for indigent burials. This policy is to insure compliance with Section 9.15 Ohio Revised Code, and to provide appropriate burial arrangements for the bodies of decease persons found within the township, who are determined to be residents of the township and to be indigent.

DETERMINATION OF RESIDENCY:

Since there is no statutory definition of residency, the township shall generally consider a person to be a resident of the township if the person at the time of death, had a physical presence in the township, coupled with the choice and intent to make the township the place of the person's home, or the place for which the person is most intimately connected or identified with.

In making a determination of residency the Township shall consider the following factors:

1. Ownership of real property within the unincorporated area of the township;
2. Being a registered voter and/or voting in a precinct within the unincorporated area of the township;
3. Resident address appearing on decedents driver's license;
4. Resident address appearing on Federal, State, and Local Income Tax Returns;
5. Resident address appearing on Motor Vehicle Titles;
6. Receipt of mail within the unincorporated area of the township;
7. Enrollment of the person or their minor children in the School System in which the Township is located;
8. Reputation within the community of residing within the township;
9. Other relevant facts establishing a connection with the community evidencing the intent of the person to be a resident of the township.

DETERMINATION OF INDIGENCY:

In determining the indigency of the person, the Township shall consider the following elements:

1. The ready availability of real or personal property of the decedent, which if sold, would provide sufficient funds for the person's burial;
2. Any employment death benefits, pensions, annuities, social security, unemployment compensation, life insurance proceeds made payable to

decedent's estate; cash on hand or other financial resources available to decedent;

3. Inheritance, number and ages of dependent's, outstanding debts, obligations and liabilities; and
4. Any relevant facts concerning the financial means of the decedent.

PROVISIONS FOR BURIAL:

The Township will provide for resident indigent burials as follows:

1. The disposition and interment of the body shall be made at the Township's discretion by cremation without showing or calling hours, or interment ceremony at the grave site.
2. The Township will provide a suitable grave plot in a township cemetery for interment of the decedent's remains.
3. The Township will pay up to \$600 for cremation.

LIMITATIONS:

The Township shall not be responsible for the burying of any body found within the Township, which is claimed by a family member for interment at the claimant's expenses.

The manner of disposition and interment of an indigent resident is solely within the discretion of the Board of Trustees as required and or limited by section 9.15 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Adopted this 18th day of July, 2011.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Attest Fiscal Officer
