



## FEES AND CHARGES IN RESPECT OF THE MUNICIPAL CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA WITH EFFECT FROM 1 APRIL 2021

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Birmingham City Council has reviewed its fee structure for its Bereavement Services and wishes to invite views on the proposals. The reasons for the review of fees are as follows:-

- An annual review ensures fees are appropriate taking into account the costs of providing the service;
- Revised fees/ charges can be made if the service offer has changed;
- For bereavement services it is necessary to ensure the fees and charges are competitive with the market place;
- There is the opportunity to simplify the fees and charges.

This year these fees and charges have on the whole remain unchanged in recognition of the national and local economy, although where there is the opportunity to reduce fees this has been undertaken. In these fees and charges the summary of changes shows:-

	<b>Burials</b>	<b>Cremations</b>
Fees and Charges the same	34	7
Fees and Charges reduced	4	5
Fees and Charges Increased	4	0
New Fee/ Charge	0	1

<b>CREMATION FEES</b>				
		The fees detailed below include the use of the chapel, scattering of cremated remains in the Garden of Remembrance, Medical Referee's and (if required) use of organ and/or provision of recorded/Wesley music. <b>Webcasting, personal tributes and recordings of services available at additional cost - POA</b>	<b>Resident (£)</b>	<b>PREVIOUS FEE</b>
<b>1. Cremation</b>	<b>a</b>	Person aged 19 years or above. The cremation fee includes an environmental charge.	<b>825</b>	<b>875</b>
	<b>b</b>	<b>Direct cremation (08:30 appointment)</b> Person aged 19 years or above. The cremation fee includes an environmental charge.	<b>575</b>	<b>N/A NEW FEE</b>
	<b>c</b>	Where a cremation service takes place for two adults one of the cremation fees will be reduced by the use of chapel fee.	<b>1,250</b>	<b>1330</b>
	<b>d</b>	Stillborn child, including non-viable foetal remains, or a child aged 18 years or below.	<b>NIL</b>	<b>NIL</b>
	<b>e</b>	Organs, other body parts and tissue of a deceased person where the deceased was aged 19 or above.	<b>143</b>	<b>143</b>
<b>2. Chapel</b>	<b>a</b>	Additional use of the crematorium chapel by appointment – Annexed to a cremation appointment only.	<b>300</b>	<b>420</b>
	<b>b</b>	Use of crematorium chapel for memorial service	<b>400</b>	<b>420</b>
<b>3. Late</b>	<b>a</b>	Where the funeral exceeds the allotted service time slot, the additional fee will be applied.	<b>420</b>	<b>420</b>
	<b>b</b>	For funerals that arrive/commence more than 1 hour late, in addition to previous fees.	<b>500</b>	<b>511</b>
	<b>c</b>	Late cancellation of a funeral booking (after 10.00 hours on the working day prior to the funeral).	<b>298</b>	<b>298</b>
<b>4. Cremated remains</b>	<b>a</b>	Temporary deposit of cremated remains pending arrangements for disposal, per month.	<b>71</b>	<b>71</b>
	<b>b</b>	Witness scattering of cremated remains in the garden of remembrance where cremation takes place at a Birmingham City Council Crematorium.	<b>53</b>	<b>53</b>
	<b>c</b>	Scattering of cremated remains in the Garden of Remembrance when cremation took place at any other crematorium	<b>107</b>	<b>107</b>

<b>CEMETERY FEES</b>				PREVIOUS FEES		
<b><u>Exclusive Right of Burial (ERB)</u></b>						
<p>Earthen graves and walled graves/vaults have an Exclusive Right of Burial for a period of 75 years, with the option to renew such Rights on the terms then prevailing for a similar Grant. This fee also includes the right to place and maintain a memorial on the grave. Such rights to expire co-terminus with the Exclusive Right of Burial.</p> <p><b>An additional 15% will be added to the fee below when:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The person to be interred was not a resident of the Metropolitan District of Birmingham at the time of death or within the last twelve months prior to death.</li> <li>– The burial rights are pre-purchased by a person who is not a resident of the Metropolitan District of Birmingham.</li> </ul> <p>Burial Rights will not be regarded as pre-purchased if the first person to be interred died before or within 14 days of application being made for the purchase of such rights.</p>				<p>Prior to Jan 2020 Non-resident fees were 2.6 times higher than resident's fees.</p>		
			<b>Resident (£)</b>			
<b>1. Graves</b>	<b>Adult (aged 19 years or over)</b>	a	Standard grave to accept a coffin/casket of up to 30" in width.	<b>2,247</b>	<b>2247</b>	
		b	As above with concrete header - (Lawn Type graves only)	<b>2,445</b>	<b>2445</b>	
		b	Grave to accept a coffin casket over 30" in width, where practicable, the above fee will increase pro rata.	<b>2,809</b>	<b>2809</b>	
		d	As above with concrete header – (Lawn type graves only)	<b>3,059</b>	<b>3059</b>	
	<b>Child (aged 18 years or below)</b>	e	An ERB where the only burial required is for a child aged 18 years or younger.	<b>NIL</b>	<b>NIL</b>	
		<b>Cremated Remains</b>	h	Earthen grave for cremation ashes (for two caskets)	<b>661</b>	<b>661</b>
			i	Earthen grave for cremation ashes (four caskets) with concrete header.	<b>1089</b>	<b>1089</b>
	j		Earthen grave for cremation ashes with concrete header to accept <u>two</u> caskets of remains.	<b>874</b>	<b>874</b>	
	<b>2. Vaults</b>	a	Mini cremated remains vault (mini-graves)	<b>1,600</b>	<b>1600</b>	
		b	Other vaulted graves	<b>POA</b>	<b>POA</b>	
<b>3. Woodland Burial</b>	a	<p><b>Standard grave to accept a coffin/casket up to 30" in width.</b></p> <p><b>The price includes the interment fee and seed planter card.</b></p>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>2450</b>		

	b	As above – with planted tree.	2,295	2685
4. Reservation	a	Grave Reservation Fee to be paid in addition to the Exclusive Right of Burial Fee relevant at the time of reservation. Applies to all full sized graves purchased in reserve.	150	150

<b>INTERMENTS</b> <b>(Maximum 1 hour appointment allocation per booking - ½ hr for items 7a - 7c).</b> <b>N.B. Maximum coffin width in a standard grave is 30" in width including a re-opened or pre-purchased grave.</b>			Resident (£)	
5. Graves Including public graves.	Adult	a Interment of a person aged 19 years or over.	1,054	1054
	Child	b Interment of a still born child. This includes non-viable foetal remain or a child aged 18 years or below.  NB. The size of grave will be determined by the size of the coffin.	NIL	NIL
	Other	c <b>Organs, other body parts and tissue of a deceased person where the deceased was aged 19 or above.</b>	300	156
6. Walled graves or vaults	a	Interment of a still born child, including non-viable foetal remains, or a child aged 18 years or younger.	NIL	NIL
	b	Interment of a person aged 19 years or over.	1,054	1150
	c	Other interment fees will apply for non-standard graves	POA	POA
7. Cremated Remains Maximum ½ hour appointment allocation per booking for items 7a – 7c.	a	Interment of cremated remains in a grave or vault.	300	300
	b	Interment of cremated remains of a child aged 18 years or below.	156	156
	c	Where two interments take place at the same time an additional registration fee will be charged in place of the second interment fee. This applies to fees 5a – 7a.	175	124
8. Other	a	Interment of the Qur'an pages by appointment, where available.	Interment fee minus registration fee	Interment fee minus registration fee
<b>Scattering of cremated remains</b>			Resident (£)	
9. Scattering	a	Scattering of cremated remains on a grave when cremation did not take place at a Birmingham City Council Crematorium. The fee to witness the scattering of cremated remains is included.	104	104

	<b>b</b>	Witness scattering of cremated remains on a grave when cremation took place at a Birmingham City Council Crematorium. Where multiple scatterings take place on the same grave at the same time, this fee will only be applied once.	<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>
<b><u>Walled Graves and Concrete Liners</u></b>			<b>(£)</b>	
<b>10. Walled graves</b>	<b>a</b>	Cost of construction of walled grave, where available.	<b>POA</b>	<b>POA</b>
<b>11. Concrete Liners – supply in additional to ERB and Interment fee.</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>Cost of a concrete liner for a standard sized grave.</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>1248</b>
	<b>b</b>	Cost of a concrete liner for a child’s sized grave.	<b>620</b>	<b>620</b>

<b><u>Memorials and Inscriptions</u></b> (As defined within the Rules and Regulations in Respect of the Municipal Cemeteries).			<b>(£)</b>	
<b>13. Inscription</b>	<b>a</b>	Application for an additional inscription on grave memorial (N.B. The first name on memorial is FOC). Up to two names may be included on one application for this fee.	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>
	<b>b</b>	Additional inscriptions on various other memorials	<b>POA</b>	
<b><u>Transfer of ownership/Loss of deed/repurchase agreement</u></b>			<b>(£)</b>	
<b>14. Transfer fee*</b>	<b>a</b>	Transfer of ownership and subsequent registering of an existing Exclusive Right of Burial where the owner of the Exclusive Right of Burial is deceased and a burial is to take place or where the transfer is to a resident of Birmingham.  *An additional 15% of the ERB fee will be applied where the transfer is taking place to a person who is not a resident of Birmingham (This is not applied when the only surviving NOK is not a resident of Birmingham).	<b>70</b>	<b>The standard transfer fee was £70 but to transfer to a non-resident ranged between 1,306 and 5,108 depending upon the grave type</b>

<b>15. Declaration (loss of deed) or Repurchase of burial rights.</b>	a	Preparation of indemnity upon notification of loss of an Exclusive Right of Burial.  Or  Preparation of Repurchase of Exclusive Right of Burial Agreement.	<b>70</b>	<b>124</b>
	<b><u>ADDITIONAL CHARGES</u></b>		<b>Resident (£)</b>	
<b>16. Service</b>	a	Where a burial service takes longer than 1.15 hours from the appointed service time an additional fee will be applied – <b>Charge will be applied for each half hour over and above the 1.15 hours.</b>	<b>260 per half hour</b>	<b>260</b>
	b	Where the service for an interment of cremated remains takes longer than 30 minutes from the appointed service time an additional fee will be applied. – <b>Charge will be applied for each half hour over and above the 30 minutes.</b>	<b>75 per half hour</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>17. Cancellation</b>	a	Late cancellation of funeral booking (after 10.00 hours on the working day prior to the funeral – <b>except for short notice bookings made on the day of the funeral).</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>255</b>
	b	Late cancellation / non-attendance for booking of cremated remains interment (after 10.00 hours on the working day prior to the funeral).	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>
	c	Late cancellation / non-attendance for booking of scattering of cremated remains.	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>18. Chapel</b>	a	<b>Use of cemetery chapel including use of organ and, if required, provision of recorded music.</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>289</b>
<b>19. Other</b>	a	Additional work required on a grave where incorrect information was supplied on the notice of interment.	<b>120</b>	<b>120</b>
	b	<b>Reprint of Deed due to incorrect information being supplied on the notice of interment and amendment of Statutory Registers.</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>
	c	<b>Postage of a deed by recorded delivery, including delivery to the post office.</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>