

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Boquist, Dingfelder, George, Rosenbaum, Shields
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prescribes the procedure and form of notice for cemetery authority to follow for disposition of abandoned burial spaces.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Waiting lists for burial spaces
- Current process to reclaim spaces based on nuisance complaint
- Proposed process includes a longer “no-contact” period and greater notice
- Benefit to cemetery owners and those wanting to purchase burial space

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: For a cemetery operator to declare a burial space as abandoned under existing law, a nuisance lawsuit must be filed followed by a judicial foreclosure. Many cemetery operators find the process too expensive and time consuming, and are thus left with grave plots that cannot be put to use. METRO discovered in 2007 that it had sold more than 600 cemetery plots that were previously sold but had long been unoccupied.