

CHAPTER 3. HOWONQUET & YONTOCKET CEMETERY DISTRICT

1. Filing the Interment Request Form

- A. Upon the death, the surviving family member(s) shall notify the mortuary responsible for the funeral arrangements and notify them of the interment requirements for the Howonquet and Yontocket Cemeteries.
- B. The family member(s) shall request the Interment Request Form from the Smith River Rancheria and file it with the SRR Tribal Administrator. The decedent shall be verified for membership or for having familial ties to the membership for the SRR by the Enrollment Specialist, the appropriate staff and/or the Enrollment committee. The identification of the plot to be used shall be determined by the Tribal Administrator and appropriate Rancheria staff or the Cemetery Committee and/or its Chair.
- C. At the time of filing the Interment Request form, the family shall indicate if they wish to cover their decedent themselves or if their decedent shall be covered by staff.

2. Eligibility Standards and Fee Schedules:

- A. All enrolled SRR Tribal members and their current married spouses will be eligible to be interred and will not be charged plot fees. The decedent member or their spouse's verification shall be the member's enrollment number.
- B. All enrolled SRR Tribal members will be eligible to receive interment assistance for funeral expenses when available from the Tribe.
- C. Individuals who have familial ties to enrolled Tribal members or have their Tolowa ancestry verified may be approved for interment. The description of their familial ties shall be documented on the Interment Request Form and they shall pay the following plot rates:
1. Interment into a full burial plot: \$500.00 per person
 2. Interment into a cremains plot: \$250.00 per person

3. Interment Requirements:

- A. All interments shall be vaulted.
- B. Proof that a permanent headstone has been ordered to replace the temporary marker shall be provided by the funeral director. The temporary marker must be replaced with the headstone within one year of interment.
- C. No space will be wasted between adjacent graves.

4. Opening/Closing of the Graves:

- A. Graves shall be opened and closed on the same day of the interment.
- B. The opening and closing of the grave shall be done by the Rancheria staff or by the mortuary staff. The costs associated with the opening and closing of the grave for a full or cremains grave shall be charged by a mortuary as part of the total funeral expense. The family may assist with the opening if requested. The mortuary shall remit fees to the Rancheria for interments performed by the Rancheria.
1. Interment into a full burial plot: \$250.00 per person.
 2. Interment into a cremains plot: \$100.00 per person.
- C. The closing of the grave may be done by the family at the time of the funeral if so requested.

5. Amendments:

- A. All burials may be subject to additional fees during the process of enforcing the above referenced fees and regulations.
- B. All fees are subject to change and copies of this ordinance will be provided to the family member(s) and the mortuaries arranging for interment.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

This Chapter was originally adopted as the Smith River Rancheria Cemetery Ordinance Howonquet and Yontocket Cemetery District as Ordinance 02-09 on November 26, 2002.