

2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program

PROJECT REQUEST FORM #1

1. **DEPARTMENT:** Department of Public Works Cemetery Division
2. **PROJECT TITLE & NUMBER:** Cemetery Columbarium's
3. **PURPOSE OF PROJECT REQUEST FORM:** New Project to place two upright Columbarium's for cremation interments which would conform with the Board of Trustee's bylaws and city plan to efficiently utilize cemetery space and optimize revenue.
4. **DEPARTMENT PRIORITY:** High priority as cremations currently compose of 80 percent of the final disposition rate in our area and would likely balance the current cemetery budget and fund expansions in the future with revenues.
5. **LOCATION:** Glenwood Cemetery
6. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:**

Over the last two decades the most common form of disposition for one after passing has become the choice of cremation. Currently the Lebanon area and the State of NH sees an average of 75-80 percent of final dispositions as cremation. Columbarium's over the last decade have become increasingly more common in cemeteries to help utilize remaining limited space efficiently, utilize area's that traditionally burials could not be, and increase revenues over all these areas. An average grave currently in the City of Lebanon can hold up to the remains of six (6) persons with one (1) full burial and five (5) cremations on top, or no full burials and a total of six (6) cremations. This is done in a single grave that is four (4) feet wide by eleven (11) feet long. The total income on this grave if filled with six (6) persons remains would be the following.

- Purchase of Grave \$300
- Perpetual Care/Maintenance and preservation \$300
- Full burial Weekday \$400/ Weekend \$700
- Cremation burial Weekday \$175/ Weekend \$350

- Total revenue for single grave space with 6 persons if all buried on weekends which would be the most revenue produced would be \$3,050.00.

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The proposed use of upright columbarium's size are typically three (3) feet wide by ten (10) feet long and have a height of five (5) feet six (6) inches. They consist of sixty-four (64) spaces in which remains can be placed into and each individual space could hold a capacity of two person's cremated remains for a total optimal space of one hundred twenty-eight (128) person's remains in a single columbarium. The columbarium takes less square footage than a single grave and would hold an additional one hundred and twenty-two (122) persons remains. With the addition of columbarium's, it would add not only additional space but revenue as well as the City would receive revenues from the engraving of the shutters for one's name and dates. The average revenue of a single columbarium is as follows.

- 64 Niches @ \$500 each = \$32,000
- 64 Niches opening fee @175 weekday fee X 2 occupants = \$22,400
- 64 Niches engraving X 2 occupants @ \$200 each = \$25,600
- Total Projected Revenue \$ 80,000
- Cost for Columbarium \$ 32,500
- Total Profit per columbarium \$47,500

In additional the City may realize additional revenue of the maintenance and preservation fee of \$75.00 per niche (\$4,800) if the proposed amendments to chapter 46 once approved.

It is proposed that installing two columbarium's would be aesthetically pleasing to the Glenwood Cemetery. The design would be configured such as to provide expansion capabilities for two additional columbarium's.

The total cost with foundation and installation of two columbarium's, type "64- Niche Rectangular with Gable Roof Gray in color with Black Shutters" is estimated at \$65,000. Optimal revenue from both when fully occupied would be \$160,000 leaving a profit of \$95,000 after the original investment.

Below are illustrations of the prospective columbariums as well as the prospective site location in the Glenwood Cemetery.

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Typical Columbarium