

Chapter 6

CITY-OPERATED FACILITIES*

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State Law References: Authority of municipalities to regulate the interment of bodies and control the location and establishment of cemeteries, Anno. Code of Md., Art. 23A, § 2(a)(6).

Art. I. In General, §§ 6-1--6-15

Art. II. Greenbelt Cemetery, §§ 6-16--6-29

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ARTICLE I.

IN GENERAL

Secs. 6-1--6-15. Reserved.

ARTICLE II.

GREENBELT CEMETERY

Sec. 6-16. Scope.

The provisions of this article shall apply to the Greenbelt Cemetery.

Sec. 6-17. Persons eligible to purchase lots.

The city manager is hereby authorized to sell city owned lots in the Greenbelt Cemetery to:

- (1) Residents of the city;
- (2) Any other person for the purpose of the lot being used for imminent burial of a deceased city resident; or
- (3) Any other person, some member of whose family by blood, marriage or adoption, within second consanguinity, is buried in the cemetery.

(Code 1971, § 5-1)

Sec. 6-18. Lots available for sale.

Sale of lots shall be restricted to lots numbered 1 through 81, as shown on the map of the plotted portion

of the cemetery, dated December 1, 1996, and hereby designated the official cemetery lot plan, a copy of which shall be kept on file with the city clerk.

(Code 1971, § 5-20; Ord. No. 949, 3-19-84; Ord. No. 1153, 11-25-96)

Sec. 6-19. Perpetual maintenance trust fund.

There is hereby established a cemetery perpetual maintenance trust fund. Into this fund shall be deposited the proceeds from the sale of cemetery lots, grave opening fees, grave marker sales, contributions and donations and any other cemetery related revenues and receipts after deducting therefrom any expenses incurred relating to the purposes for which the revenues were received. The city manager and city treasurer are authorized to invest the receipts deposited to this fund in short or long term interest bearing accounts, notes, bonds or other obligations, as authorized by the city charter, and to temporarily transfer such funds to another fund of the city as a short term inter-fund loan pending the receipt of anticipated money in the fund to which the inter-fund loan is made; provided, that all such money loaned to another fund shall be repaid prior to the close of each fiscal year, and further provided, that any fund receiving an inter-fund loan shall pay the cemetery perpetual maintenance trust fund interest for the term of the loan comparable to the interest which would be earned if these cemetery fund moneys had been invested in interest bearing notes, bonds or other obligations. The interest earned from the investment of such funds may be appropriated to defray the cost of improving and maintaining the cemetery or added to the other funds to be invested. Other than the interest earned from investments, moneys placed in the cemetery perpetual maintenance trust fund shall be used for investment purposes only, except to repurchase cemetery lots previously sold or as council may otherwise provide by ordinance.

(Code 1971, § 5-3)

Sec. 6-20. Lot prices.

Lots in the Greenbelt Cemetery shall be sold for the following prices:

	Size (feet)	
4-grave lot	10 by 16	\$2,000
2-grave lot	10 by 8	1,000
1-grave lot	10 by 4	500

(Code 1971, § 5-4)

Sec. 6-21. Deeds of sale.

The city clerk is hereby authorized to execute and deliver, in the name of the city, a deed for a lot in the Greenbelt Cemetery to the purchaser, showing payment in full. Each deed shall contain all restrictions as to use and sale established herein. The city clerk shall maintain a register of all deeds issued and the names of the owners thereof.

(Code 1971, § 5-5)

Sec. 6-22. Transfer of lots.

The owner of a vacant lot may sell or otherwise transfer his or her lot only to eligible persons, as defined in Section 6-17, or to the city. The city manager is hereby authorized to repurchase lots in the name of the city.

The purchase price to be paid by the city for a lot shall be the original sale price received by the city, plus four (4) percent interest for each year of private ownership, or the current sale price of city cemetery lots, whichever is less. Whenever a transfer of ownership occurs, the parties involved shall register the transfer with the city clerk and return the previously issued deed to the lot to the city clerk, who shall void the returned deed and issue a new deed to the transferee.

(Code 1971, § 5-6)

Sec. 6-23. Burials.

(a) For any lot sold on or after July 1, 1977, burials shall be restricted to the remains of persons who were:

- (1) Residents or former residents of the city; or
- (2) Eligible to purchase lots as provided in Section 6-17.

(b) The city manager is hereby authorized to provide for the opening and closing of graves. The fee for same shall be determined in advance by the city manager and shall be sufficient to cover the city's expenses of burial. The grave opening fee may be waived or reduced for city residents upon determination by the city manager as to the indigency of the lot owner or the lot owner's estate. All burials shall be in accordance with law. Each grave shall be centered on a lot and the ground covering each grave shall follow and be level with the surface contours of the surrounding land. The city manager may approve reasonable plans for the use of one lot for more than one burial.

(Code 1971, § 5-7)

Sec. 6-24. Grave markers.

Lot owners or lot owners' estates shall erect markers to identify burial sites. Markers shall be of uniform size and design and shall not project above ground level. The city manager is hereby authorized to designate marker size, design, method of installation and installation charges.

(Code 1971, § 5-8; Ord. No. 1153, 11-25-96)

Sec. 6-25. Promulgation of rules and regulations.

The city manager is authorized to establish, from time to time, such additional rules and regulations consistent with the provisions of this chapter as may be necessary to assure the proper maintenance and operation of the Greenbelt Cemetery and the cemetery perpetual maintenance trust fund.

(Code 1971, § 5-9)

Secs. 6-26--6-29. Reserved.

ARTICLE III.

GREENBELT MUSEUM

Sec. 6-30. Scope.

The provisions of this article shall apply to the establishment and operation of a greenbelt museum.
(Ord. No. 994, 11-24-86)

Sec. 6-31. Purpose.

The Greenbelt Museum shall be established and operated for the purpose of commemorating the history of the City of Greenbelt, its establishment as a model planned community, the citizens who contributed to the city, the life and times of the residents of Greenbelt, and for the exhibit and display of artifacts and memorabilia related thereto.

(Ord. No. 994, 11-24-86)

Sec. 6-32. Museum building.

The council shall designate a building to be used as a museum.

(Ord. No. 994, 11-24-86)

Sec. 6-33. Operation of a museum.

The council shall provide for the operation of a museum. The council may enter into agreement with a private nonprofit corporation to assume such responsibilities as may be mutually agreed upon relating to the operation of a museum.

(Ord. No. 994, 11-24-86)

Sec. 6-34. Contributions and donations.

The city manager and city treasurer are authorized to receive such contributions and donations of funds as may be made which are designated for the Greenbelt Museum, and such funds shall be accounted for separately from other funds received and shall only be expended for such expenditures as may be authorized by the council for the acquisition, operation, and improvements of the museum. The city manager shall be authorized to receive in the name of the city donations of furniture, artifacts or other memorabilia related to the history of Greenbelt and the purposes of the museum. Such items received as are deemed not required or not suitable for the museum may be disposed of in such a manner as may be authorized by the council. Any monies which may be received from the authorized sale of surplus property shall be applied toward the acquisition, operation, and improvements of the museum.

(Ord. No. 994, 11-24-86)

Sec. 6-35. Duties of city manager.

The city manager shall be responsible for the implementation and maintaining of any agreements that the council authorize relating to the operation of the museum. The manager shall assure that any building housing the museum is well maintained and well secured. The manager shall advise the council on the operation of the museum and take such actions as may be appropriate or necessary relating to the operation of the museum in order to safeguard the building and contents.

(Ord. No. 994, 11-24-86)