

RESOLUTION 2021-04

**A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH PROCEDURES FOR
PAYMENT OF INDIGENT BURIALS**

WHEREAS, ORC Section 9.15 provides that when a dead body is found in a township or municipal corporation and the body is not claimed by anyone or is claimed by someone who is indigent, then the township or municipality in which the dead person had been a legal resident at the time of death shall cause the dead body to be buried or cremated at its expense, and

WHEREAS, the Village desires to set forth procedures to comply with the law and pay for proper indigent burial expenses

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ADA, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That upon notice from a funeral home that it has a deceased indigent person for cremation or burial, the village administrator shall request residency and financial information from the funeral home and/or any other person claiming the deceased indigent person. The village administrator, in consultation with legal counsel, will make the determinations regarding first the residency of the decedent and then regarding the indigency of said decedent. If found that the decedent was a resident of the Village of Ada at the time of death and was indigent, the village administrator shall authorize the payment for cremation of the decedent's body in the amount of no more than \$1,000.00. The village administrator is further authorized to apply for any reimbursement from any program for indigent burial or cremation.

If it is found that the decedent was not a resident at the time of death or was not indigent, the village administrator is authorized to take action to collect the village funds paid and shall contact the village legal counsel to assist in collection.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: March 16, 2021


MAYOR

ATTEST:


VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER