



Taylor County

Board of County Commissioners'

Policy Manual

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Policy #:	Title:	Effective Date:
2008-16	Deceased Indigents Policy	11/03/08

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines pursuant to Chapter 406-50 of the Florida Statutes.

REFERENCE

Florida Statute 406

POLICY

The intent of this policy is to provide guidelines for deceased indigents in Taylor County in accordance with the County's statutory responsibility to do so as detailed in Florida Statute 406.40, in county funeral homes at a flat fee to be set by the County.

The program applies to a deceased person who meets all the following criteria:

1. Are pronounced dead in Taylor County or are a resident of Taylor County and determined by a Taylor County Funeral Home to be indigent.
2. Have no living relatives or not living relatives with adequate income or resources to afford a private cremation.
3. Have relatives who cannot or will not accept responsibility for a burial or cremation.

Determination of indigence is the responsibility of the individual local Funeral Directors subject to approval by the County Administrator or his or her designee. The following criteria pertain to indigent burial assistance in Taylor County.

1. The deceased does not have to have been a resident of Taylor County or the United States.
2. Bodies may not be transported into or out of Taylor County under this particular program.
3. A certified copy of the death certificate must accompany the request for payment from the Funeral Home.
4. Prior to certification of indigence the local funeral home will attempt to recover expense from the following resources:
 - Social Security lump sum benefits.
 - Miscellaneous Resources, i.e, Nursing Homes, cash estates, assets in bank, life insurance, etc.

The Funeral Home is not to proceed without a signed purchase order. When a decision has been made on the request for payment of a funeral bill, the funeral home will be issued a purchase order authorizing payment of the cremation and notified telephonically of the approval.

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT

Office of the County Administrator

Sunset Date: 11/03/13