



# Taylor County

## Board of County Commissioners'

### Policy Manual

6.04

Policy #:	Title:	Effective Date:
2008-13	Public Cemetery Maintenance	11/03/08

#### PURPOSE

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Establish guidelines for maintenance of public cemeteries and church cemeteries open to the public.

#### REFERENCE

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Laws of the State of Florida, Chapter 67-2131, 1-3 Special Legislative Act

#### POLICY

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The County may perform minor maintenance on Church cemeteries open to the public. This maintenance is to be limited to periodic grass mowing. Routine mowing will only be accomplished by contractual services, inmate labor or County employees designated and budgeted to perform this service. The frequency of mowing will be based upon the level of service established by the Board of County Commissioners. Any request for work beyond routine mowing must be made to the Board of County Commissioners at a regularly scheduled Board meeting by a representative of the specific public cemetery governing board and approved by a majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners. The mowing will be done consistently with an established revolving cycle basis and this cycle will not be broken unless approved by the County Administrator.

Each cemetery maintained by the County must have a cemetery governing board and the board must enter into a written agreement under which it is understood that as a public cemetery it is open for use by the community at large (a private cemetery is used only by a small segment of the community and family). In order to have the County perform maintenance using public funds the cemetery governing board must certify that the cemetery is a public cemetery and that all members of the public upon request have the right to be interred at the cemetery regardless of race, creed or religious affiliation.

#### RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT

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Public Works

**Sunset Date: None**