

## **The Village of Greenhills Policy for the Burial or Cremation of Unclaimed or Indigent Bodies at the Expense of the Village**

The Village of Greenhills will pay for burial or, at its discretion, cremation of any unclaimed person or person claimed by an indigent person, who at the time of death was a legal resident of the Village of Greenhills, in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 9.15. ORC Section 9.15(C) defines “indigent person” as someone whose income does not exceed 150% of the federal poverty line when adjusted to the correct family size.

Pursuant to ORC Section 9.15, the Village of Greenhills shall provide at the grave of the person, if cremated, or, where the remains are buried, a stone or concrete marker on which the person’s name and age, if known, and date of death shall be inscribed.

ORC Sections 1713.34 and 9.15 (see Exhibit A) indicate that the Village of Greenhills may deliver the body to a college or the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors in lieu of burial or cremation. The Village reserves the right to donate a deceased person’s body for this purpose.

The Village of Greenhills requires a completed, notarized application by the deceased’s indigent representative and a funeral home representative. The Village of Greenhills will adhere to the most recent Federal Poverty Guidelines when examining a person’s financial and familial data to determine if such person is an indigent person. When the claimant is determined indigent, the manner of cremation, burial, and aspects thereof shall be solely the decision of the Village of Greenhills. An indigent person claiming a body may not make independent funeral arrangements and have the bill submitted to the Village of Greenhills. Should this circumstance occur, the Village of Greenhills is not liable for such costs.

The Village of Greenhills may seek bids for the cost of burial or cremation from more than one funeral home.

The Village of Greenhills may select the funeral home that will provide the burial or cremation service.

## 150% of the 2013-2014 Federal Poverty Guidelines

Size of Household	Income Limit Yearly
1-Person	\$17,235
2-Person	\$23,265
3-Person	\$29,295
4-Person	\$35,325
5-Person	\$41,355
6-Person	\$47,385