



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**City Commission Agenda Memo**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**#21-0267**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** March 16, 2021

**TITLE:** Resolution Approving a Map Designating Eight (8) Private Family Estates  
Areas at Evergreen Cemetery – **(Commission District 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission consider approving a map designating eight (8) private family estates areas at Evergreen Cemetery. The Cemetery System is considering the expansion of the system as part of the Cemetery Master Plan objectives.

**Background**

The City of Fort Lauderdale Cemetery System consists of four cemeteries: Lauderdale Memorial Park Cemetery, Historic Evergreen Cemetery, Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery, and North Woodlawn Cemetery. The cemetery system offers multiple options for the final disposition and memorialization of family members, except for North Woodlawn Cemetery. These options range from ground interments, inurnments, community mausoleum entombments, and private family estates.

In accordance with Section 11.6 of the Cemetery Rules and Regulations, a private family estate may be used as the final resting place of deceased human beings only in City Commission approved designated areas within Lauderdale Memorial Park, Sunset Memorial Gardens and Evergreen Cemetery. Currently, there are ten (10) existing private family estates areas at Evergreen Cemetery approved by the City Commission in January 1995 and April 2004.

Private family estates have a significant impact on the marketing of the Cemetery System as premier properties, thereby allowing the City to provide a desired service and remain competitive with other local cemeteries. Additionally, these estates offer a significant financial impact, because nineteen percent of the sale price is deposited into the Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund. Private family estate pricing can range from \$250,000 to over \$800,000, based on current market conditions. Land costs at time of purchase, complexity of design and the type of granite used in construction influence pricing.

At the Cemetery Board meeting on October 25, 2019, board members voted unanimously to approve eight (8) new private family estates at Evergreen Cemetery. The size of the mausoleum structure is restricted by Section 11.6 of the Cemetery Rules and Regulations to fifteen feet in any direction. A map depicting the proposed new sites is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- Goal 8: Build a leading government organization that manages all resources wisely and sustainably
- Objective: Maintain financial integrity through sound budgeting practices, prudent fiscal management, cost effective operations, and long-term planning

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are United.

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Cemetery System Board of Trustees Minutes for October 25, 2019

Exhibit 2 – Map Designating Eight (8) Private Family Estates Areas at Evergreen

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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