

## CHAPTER 6

### CEMETERY BOARD

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**3-6-1: DEFINITIONS:**

The following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section:

**BOARD:** The cemetery board of Artesia, New Mexico, as established by this chapter.

**MUNICIPAL CEMETERY:** The municipal cemetery of the city of Artesia, New Mexico.

**SEXTON:** The administrative superintendent of the board. (Ord. 675, 12-16-2003)

**3-6-2: MEMBERSHIP:**

Members of the cemetery board of Artesia which shall consist of five (5) members, all of whom shall reside within ten (10) miles of the intersection of 13th and Main Streets, Artesia, New Mexico.

The municipal clerk of the city of Artesia, New Mexico, shall serve as clerk and treasurer of the board without additional compensation. (Ord. 819, 4-14-2009)

**3-6-3: APPOINTMENT AND QUALIFICATIONS; TERM OF OFFICE:**

The members of the board shall be appointed by the mayor of the city of Artesia, New Mexico, with the consent of the city council. Each member of the board shall hold office for a term of two (2) years. Each member of the board shall serve without compensation and qualify by taking an oath of office to faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office. Within ten (10) days of their appointment, the members of the board shall meet and organize by electing one of the members president of the board. The board shall thereafter meet quarterly at city hall the Monday prior to the first council meeting of that month. The board may meet on additional occasions upon written notice by the chairman to all board members. (Ord. 675, 12-16-2003)

**3-6-4: REMOVAL OF MEMBERS; FILLING VACANCIES:**

The city council may remove a member of the board for cause and shall fill any vacancy on the board that may occur. (Ord. 675, 12-16-2003)

**3-6-5: POWERS AND DUTIES:**

The cemetery board shall:

- A. Take charge of the municipal cemetery;
- B. Have the management of the municipal cemetery;
- C. Recommend to the city council rules and regulations for the operation, management, care and custody of the municipal cemetery;
- D. Prescribe the manner and place of burials;
- E. Subject to the approval of the city council, accept any cemetery within or adjacent to the city of Artesia, New Mexico, used as a burial place by the inhabitants of the city, from any person, corporation or organization owning, controlling or maintaining the cemetery. Any cemetery accepted by the cemetery board and approved by the city council as provided in this section shall become part of the municipality and shall be governed as any other municipal cemetery is governed. (Ord. 675, 12-16-2003)

**3-6-6: DEEDS TO BURIAL LOTS:**

Upon compliance with procedures adopted by the city, a deed shall be executed by the mayor of the city of Artesia, New Mexico, attested by the city clerk and bear the seal of the city of Artesia, New Mexico, and be delivered to the purchaser of a cemetery lot. (Ord. 675, 12-16-2003)

**3-6-7: VIOLATION OF CEMETERY REGULATIONS; PENALTY:**

Violation of this chapter, or of the regulations promulgated by the board and approved by the city council, shall constitute a petty misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) or by imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days or by both such fine and imprisonment. (Ord. 675, 12-16-2003)