

ORDINANCE NUMBER 01-2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MURRIETA VALLEY CEMETERY DISTRICT INCREASING THE TRUSTEES' COMPENSATION FOR ATTENDING BOARD MEETINGS FROM ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) TO TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) PER BOARD MEETING, WITH SUBSEQUENT ANNUAL INCREASES OF FIVE PERCENT (5%) UPON APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

WHEREAS, the Murrieta Valley Cemetery District ("District") is a special district duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the California Public Cemetery District Law, codified in Health and Safety Code Sections 9000 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code Section 9020 provides that the Board of Trustees ("Board") shall serve as the legislative body of the District, govern the District, and establish policies for the operation of the District; and

WHEREAS, Health & Safety Code Section 9031 (a) provides that Trustees may receive compensation in an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) for attending each Board meeting, up to four meetings a month; and

WHEREAS, Board meetings include any congregation of a majority of the Trustees at the same time and location to hear discuss, deliberate or take action on any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board such as: (1) regular Board meetings, (2) special Board meetings, (3) closed sessions, (4) emergency Board meetings, (5) Board field trips, (6) District public hearings, and (7) Board committee meetings pursuant to California Government Code Section 53232.1; and

WHEREAS, Trustees are not entitled to traveling and incidental expenses for attending Board meetings; and

WHEREAS, Health & Safety Code Section 9031 (b) provides that Trustees by ordinance adopted pursuant to Water Code Section 20200, *et seq.* may increase the amount of compensation received for attending Board meetings; and

WHEREAS, the amount of compensation per Board meeting may be increased above one hundred dollars (\$100) per Board meeting, provided the increase does not exceed five (5) percent for each calendar year following the operative date of the last adjustment; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 6040 requires Public Notice of the Public Hearing to be given in a "newspaper of general circulation" that has been deemed such a

newspaper by the Superior Court, in accordance with Government Code Section 6020 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, notice of the Public Hearing was published in Valley News pursuant to Government Code Section 6066; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was conducted by the Board of Trustees, on April 22, 2025

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MURRIETA VALLEY CEMETERY DISTRICT ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. RECITALS

That the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated as though fully set forth herein.

Section 2. BOARD MEETING COMPENSATION

That commencing upon the 22nd of June, 2025, each Trustee shall be entitled to receive a total of TWO HUNDRED Dollars (\$200.00) as compensation for attending each Board of Trustees meeting, up to a maximum of six Board meetings per month, which shall include but not be limited to: (1) regular Board meetings, (2) special Board meetings, (3) closed sessions, (4) emergency Board meetings, (5) Board field trips, (6) District public hearings, and (7) Board committee meetings, and other meetings as duly authorized by the Board. There shall be subsequent annual increases of Five Percent (5%) upon approval of the Board of Trustees.

Section 3. SEVERABILITY

That the Board of Trustees declares that, should any provision, section, paragraph, sentence or word of this ordinance be rendered or declared invalid by any final court action in a court of competent jurisdiction or by reason of any preemptive legislation, the remaining provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences or words of this ordinance as hereby adopted shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS

That all the provisions of any resolution or ordinance as heretofore adopted by the Board of Trustees that are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

That this ordinance shall take effect on June 22nd, 2025.

Section 6. CERTIFICATION

That the Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall certify to the passage of this ordinance.

That the foregoing Ordinance was approved and adopted at a meeting of Murieta Valley Cemetery District Board of Trustees held on the 22nd day of April, 2025, by the following vote:

Ayes:
Noes:
Abstain:
Absent:

ATTEST:

Chelsea Richi,
Board Secretary and Office Manager

APPROVED:

Jennifer Mejares-Pham, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Steven B. Quintanilla, General Counsel

