



**CITY OF BUCKLEY
NEWS RELEASE**

May 11, 2016

RE: CITY TRANSFERS MANAGEMENT OF THE BUCKLEY CEMETERY TO WEEKS FUNERAL HOME

Buckley, WA – On April 26, 2016 the Buckley City Council approved an Agreement with Weeks Funeral Home to transfer the management, operation and maintenance of the City Cemetery to Weeks. The transfer of management responsibilities has been under consideration and discussion for 18 months; and City Officials and Weeks both believe that the timing is right to make this change.

Due to reduced Cemetery revenues and steadily rising operational costs, the City is no longer in a position to cost effectively manage and maintain the Cemetery. Since Weeks is already providing management services to the City of Enumclaw Cemetery, they are able to consolidate and more effectively manage the operation and maintenance of Buckley's Cemetery as well. The Agreement turns over full operation and maintenance, as well as all revenue from receipts to Weeks Funeral Home; however, the City will retain ownership of the Cemetery and all facilities and equipment.

Under the new Agreement the City Council will continue to set fees for all lots, blocks, tracts, or parcels of land in the platted portion of the Cemetery; however, Weeks Funeral Home will be responsible for establishing rates for all other services.

Weeks Funeral Home will officially assume responsibility for maintenance and operation on May 11, 2016. The City is looking forward to this joint partnership and believes it will result in enhanced levels of service and a more beautifully maintained facility.

From this date forward, requests for service should be made through Weeks Funeral Home at 451 Cemetery Rd. Buckley, WA 98321, or by phone at 360.829.1171. Questions and/or concerns can also be addressed to the Mayor or City Administrator at City Hall, or by phone at 360.761.7801.

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