

STAFF REPORT
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DATE: January 26, 2016

TO: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

FROM: Allison E. Burns, City Attorney
Mark V. Bozigian, City Manager

SUBJECT: **Amendment to Title 8 of the Lancaster Municipal Code**

Recommendation:

Introduce **Ordinance No. 1011**, amending Title 8 of the Lancaster Municipal Code by Chapter 8.60, relating to the burial or entombment of person committing a terrorist act.

Fiscal Impact: Negligible; while the City may incur some cost associated with staff and Los Angeles County Sheriff Department time, it is expected to be minimal.

Background:

At the January 12, 2016 City Council meeting, staff was directed to develop an Ordinance related to the burial or entombment of person(s) committing terrorist acts. The Ordinance would require any public or private cemetery within City limits to notify the City of Lancaster and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department prior to interring or entombing the remains of any individual identified by the federal government as having participated in a terrorist incident so that the City and/or Sheriff's Department may place reasonable mitigation requirements and/or prohibit such interment or entombment within city limits in order to protect and preserve public safety.

The purpose of the ordinance is to exercise the authority granted by section 8115 of the California Health and Safety Code by imposing reasonably necessary standards governing burial and entombment and such standards of maintenance for cemeteries, including mausoleums and columbariums, in order to protect the public health and safety, assure decent and respectful treatment of human remains, and prevent offensive deterioration of cemetery grounds, structures, and places of interment.

Attachment:

Ordinance No. 1011