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**General Statutory Rules, Notifications, Orders, Regulations, etc.,
issued by Secretariat Departments.**

NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND WATER SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

AMENDMENT TO THE TAMIL NADU URBAN LOCAL BODIES RULES, 2023

[G.O.Ms.No. 2, *Municipal Administration and Water Supply (MC.I)*, 12th January 2024,
மார்ச்சு 27, சோபகிருது, திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு-2054.]

No. SRO A-(b)/2024.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 198 of the Tamil Nadu Urban Local Bodies Act, 1998 (Tamil Nadu Act 9 of 1999), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following amendment to the Tamil Nadu Urban Local Bodies Rules, 2023:-

AMENDMENT

In the said Rules, after rule 388, the following rule shall be inserted namely:-

“388-A. Opening the grave for burial of another member of family in family cemetery.-

- (1) No non-masonry grave or masonry grave unprovided with the separate air-tight compartment shall be opened within a period of,-
 - (a) twelve months, after the burial or the last burial in a grave, as the case may be, if the body has been buried without a coffin;
 - (b) eighteen months, after the burial or the last burial in a grave, as the case may be, if the body has been buried in an unlined wooden coffin;
 - (c) seven years, after the burial or the last burial in a grave, as the case may be, if the body has been buried in a coffin composed of or lined with tin, lead or other metal,

to bury another member of the same family.

- (2) Permission shall be granted for construction of vertical vault structures for burial of bodies in cemetery, on such terms and conditions and on payment of such fee, as may be determined by the council.

- (3) The application shall be made to the Commissioner or any officer authorized by him to open the grave for burial of another member of the family in family cemetery with the details of the deceased person and the details of the relationship with the person who was already buried therein.
- (4) A certificate shall be obtained from the authority in-charge of burial ground regarding the details of name of buried person, sex, age, date of death, date of burial, way of burial, namely, without coffin or unlined wooden coffin or coffin composed of or lined with tin, lead or other metal, as the case may be.
- (5) The authority referred to in sub-rule (3) shall issue permission to open the grave for burial of another member of the family in family cemetery subject to the following conditions, namely:-
- (a) A layer of earth not less than one foot thick be left undisturbed over the previously buried coffin.
 - (b) If on opening any grave any soil is found to be offensive such soil shall be left undisturbed.
 - (c) There shall never be less than 2.5 metre of earth between the topmost coffin and the grave.
- (6) A Register containing the details of the deceased persons who are buried in the cemetery such as the name of buried person, sex, age, date of death, date of burial and way of burial shall be maintained by the authority in-charge of the burial ground. The Register shall be furnished whenever required by the Commissioner or any Officer authorized by him.

Explanation.- For the purpose of this rule, the expression "family" shall include father, mother, sons, daughters including adopted sons, adopted daughters, son-in-law and daughter-in-law."

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