

**CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A
PRIVATE CEMETERY**

8 O.S. § 183

Applicant Name(s): JOHN ROBERTS _____

Titled Owner(s) of Property: JOHN AND TONYA ROBERTS _____

*****Attach copy of deed.*****

Proposed Location: 3751 HERITAGE LN. NORMAN, OK 73026

Within City limits? If yes, which City: YES. NORMAN CITY LIMITS

Legal Description of Proposed Cemetery: A tract of land located in the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Eighteen (18), Township Eight (8) North, Range One (1) East of the Indian Meridian, Cleveland County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the Northwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Northwest Quarter; THENCE S 00'25'43" E, along the west line of the Northeast Quarter of said Northwest quarter, a distance of 585.52 feet; THENCE S 89'17" W a distance of 932.38 feet to the west line of the Northeast Quarter of said Northwest Quarter; THENCE N 00'25'43" W, along the west line of the Northeast Quarter of said Northwest Quarter, a distance of 585.52 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Above described tract contains 12.533 acres, more or less, per plat of survey MB-20137, dated January 28, 2021 by MacBax Land Surveying, PLLC, Certificate of Authorization Number 8137

*****Attach Survey.*****

Financial Status: _____

*Note: The County must make an inquiry into the financial background and character of the organizers of the proposed cemetery.

Proposed Officers and Managers and their qualifications and experience: JOHN ROBERTS, QUALIFIED AS A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY BUSINESS OWNER FOR OVER 30 YEARS.

Proximity to Human Dwellings: A MINIMUM OF 300 YARDS _____

Proximity to Water Sources: THE NEAREST WELL WATER IS A MINIMUM OF 300 YARDS DISTANCE AND AT A HIGHER ELEVATION.

Other Sanitary and Health Conditions in regard to the location of the proposed cemetery: N/A _____

Public Necessity for the Cemetery: PRIVATE FAMILY CEMETERY _____

Perpetual Care Fund, if applicable: N/A_HOWEVER, I WILL PLACE FUNDS IN AN ESCROW ACCOUNT IF DEEMED THE ONLY MEANS FOR APPROVAL.

Other Information Applicant wants Board to consider: I WOULD BEG THE BOARD TO CONSIDER THAT THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA HAS DEEMED IT A RIGHT TO BE BURIED ON ONE'S OWN PROPERTY. MY WIFE WAS THRILLED TO KNOW THAT SHE COULD BE BURIED ON THIS LAND THAT SHE LOVED SO MUCH. I WAS VERY THANKFUL THAT I COULD FULFILL HER WISHES. I PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED APPROVAL BY RICK MCKNIGHT AS THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE PROPERTY. FURTHERMORE, I SPOKE WITH LOGAN GRAY WITH THE CITY OF NORMAN ZONING & PLANNING DEPARTMENT REGARDING ANY REQUIRED SETBACK. LOGAN INFORMED ME THAT WE COULD GO ALL THE WAY UP TO THE 50' PRIVATE ROAD/UTILITY EASEMENT. JUST TO PLAY IT SAFE, I KEPT THE FENCE 10' FROM THE EDGE OF THE EASEMENT. AND FINALLY, I SETUP A MEETING WITH OG&E ON NOVEMBER 18TH TO DISCUSS POWER LINES THAT ARE OUTSIDE THE EASEMENT. BOTH THE RESIDENTS OF 3651 AND 3851 HERITAGE LN WERE REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE POWER LINES WERE INSTALLED IN 1980 AS SERVICE POLES TO THE EXISTING RESIDENCE AT WHAT IS NOW 3651 HERITAGE LN. WE WERE ALL TOLD THAT WE COULD PUT ANYTHING UNDER OR AROUND THE POLES/LINE AS THERE IS NO EASEMENT. I PLACED THE FENCE AT LEAST 15 FEET FROM THE NEAREST SERVICE POLE. FINALLY, I SETUP A MEETING ON JANUARY 13TH WITH COX CABLE BECAUSE THEY HAD INSTALLED A FIBER OPTIC LINE OUTSIDE OF THE EASEMENT APPROXIMATELY 26'. I ASKED THEM TO MOVE IT TO WITHIN THE EASEMENT SO THAT I WOULD NOT DAMAGE THEIR FIBER OPTIC. AGAIN, BOTH THE RESIDENTS OF 3651 AND 3851 HERITAGE LN WERE REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING. WE WERE TOLD THAT COX AGREED THAT THEIR CONTRACTOR HAD MISPLACED THE CABLE AND THEY WOULD RELOCATE IT TO WITHIN THE EASEMENT.

Applicant name (printed): JOHN ROBERTS _____


Applicant Signature

FEBRUARY 24, 2026
Date

*****Filing Fee of \$500 to be paid via certified check or money order at time of filing the application to cover expenses incurred by the County, including, but not limited to, publication and recording costs. Balance after payment of expenses, if any, will be returned to applicant at the conclusion of the hearing.**

*****Attach a copy of deed showing applicant is the owner of the property on which proposed cemetery is to be placed.**

*****Attach survey of proposed cemetery.**

*****Include legal description of the proposed cemetery.**

In accordance with 8 O.S. § 183, upon receipt of this application, the Board of County Commissioners shall make or cause to be made an investigation and examination of the applicant and the application. The board shall give notice of such application, and the hearing to be held thereon, by publication once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the county in which the applicant proposes to locate and operate the cemetery. The board shall, after the date of the said publication, hold a public hearing on the application in such place in the county as it shall designate.

The board shall make or cause to be made a careful investigation and examination relating to the financial standing and character of the organizers of the proposed cemetery, the character and qualifications and experience of the officers and managers thereof, for the use of the board, which information shall be considered confidential; of the adequacy of the initial investment in the proposed cemetery; of the adequacy of the planned perpetual care fund if the proposed cemetery is to be a perpetual care cemetery; of the proximity of the proposed cemetery to human dwellings and the sanitary and health conditions in regard to the location of the proposed cemetery; and of the public necessity for the cemetery in the community in which such proposed cemetery is to be located and operated.

At the public hearing any person who is interested may appear and be heard, either in person or by his attorney. Within sixty (60) days from the date of such hearing the board of county commissioners shall render its findings and decision, in such form and detail as it shall prescribe, and a copy of the same shall be forwarded to the applicant and all persons who have entered an appearance.