



CITY OF LE SUEUR  
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Jasper Kruggel, City Administrator  
SUBJECT: Kolden Funeral & Cremation Services Snow Plowing and Tree Maintenance Request  
DATE: For the City Council Meeting of Monday, January 14, 2018

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**PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED**

Consider approval to provide snow removal and tree maintenance services for Kolden Funeral & Cremation Services.

**SUMMARY**

On December 19, 2018, staff received a memo from Kolden Funeral & Cremation Services requesting that snow removal and tree maintenance be provided by the City of Le Sueur in the three cemeteries maintained by Kolden Funeral & Cremation Services in Le Sueur.

Staff has been in contact with Darrell Kolden regarding this matter and have directed him to make this formal request so that City Council can evaluate and provide direction to staff.

Items to consider regarding this request:

1. Precedence set for other cemeteries in town
2. The effect on private tree trimming and snow removal businesses in town that may be contracted to provide these services

In general, as a City, we do not like to compete with private businesses or take business opportunities away from private businesses. There are some exceptions to this, and an example is the Community Center.

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Staff would like City Council to give direction on how to proceed with the request from Kolden Funeral & Cremation Services to provide snow removal and tree maintenance on their three cemeteries located in the City of Le Sueur.

# Kolden

FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES

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P.O. Box 314  
Arlington, MN 55307  
507-964-2201

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Belle Plaine, MN 56011  
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December 19, 2018

City of LeSueur Administration  
Attn: Jasper Kruggel  
City Hall  
LeSueur, MN 56058

City of LeSueur Administrator & City Council

RE: City policy regarding snow removal and minimum road and tree maintenance.  
Mound Cemetery Association, Calvary Cemetery and St. Anne's Cemetery Association

At the request of the LeSueur City Administrator, on behalf of Mound Cemetery Board of Directors, and directors of the St. Anne's Church Cemetery Association as well as Kolden Funeral Home and any other funeral homes whose interest may appear, we are drafting a formal request to the LeSueur City Council as follows:

"The employees of City of LeSueur have plowed snow, done minimum road and tree maintenance in all 3 cemeteries in our community for decades. We hereby request that this policy be continued for the future. This is a public service to the families in our community who expect to be able to have winter burials and visit graves any time of the year and on special occasions."

Thank you for your consideration in this matter on behalf of your constituents.



Darrell Kolden  
On behalf of those named below.

Darrell Kolden & Wayne Swenson (Officers of Mound Cemetery Association)  
Leroy Pfarr, Geri Callahan & Shawn Kirby (Officers of St. Anne's Cemetery(s) Association)  
Karl & Rose Kolden, owners of Kolden Funeral Home