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An Ordinance relating to the creation of cemeteries for certain religious communities

**M. Wigston**  
**ADMINISTRATOR**

*3 July 2016*

**BE** it enacted by the Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia as follows:—

**Short title and commencement**

**1.** This Ordinance may be cited as the Cemeteries of Religious Communities (Burial and Exhumation) Ordinance 2016 and it comes into force on 11 July 2016.

**Interpretation**

**2.—(1)** In this Ordinance —

“committee” means a committee for the establishment and operation of a cemetery for a religious community appointed in accordance with the corresponding Republic law;

“corresponding Republican law” means Law No. 176(I)/2013(a) (Cemeteries for Religious Communities (Burial and Exhumation) Law 2013) and includes—

(a) amendments to that law whether made before or after the coming in force of this Ordinance;

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(a) Republic of Cyprus Gazette 27 December 2013.

(b) any law replacing that law;

“religious community” means the Maronites, Armenians and Roman Catholics, and any religious community designated in accordance with section 7.

### **Application of Cemeteries (Burial and Exhumation) Ordinance 2016**

3. The Cemeteries (Burial and Exhumation) Ordinance 2016(a) applies to a religious community with the modifications specified in this Ordinance, and all other necessary modifications.

### **Compulsory acquisition of land**

4.—(1) Land which is required for a new cemetery for a religious community, or which is required to expand an existing cemetery, may be compulsorily acquired in accordance with the Land Acquisition Ordinance(b).

(2) The cost of compulsory acquisition under subsection (1) is to be borne by the religious community or communities which use the cemetery.

### **Maintenance and management of cemetery used by religious community**

5.—(1) The maintenance and management of a cemetery used by a religious community is the responsibility of the relevant committee.

(2) The relevant committee may impose taxes on the religious community which uses the cemetery.

(3) In this section, “relevant committee” means the committee representing the religious community or communities which use the cemetery.

### **Power, duties and liabilities of committee**

6. A committee has the powers, duties and liabilities specified in the corresponding Republican law.

### **Other religious communities**

7. An order made under the corresponding Republican law which designates a religious community has effect as if it was made under this Ordinance, unless the Chief Officer by Order made as a public instrument otherwise directs.

### **Delegation of functions to the Republic**

8. For the avoidance of doubt, section 31 (delegation of functions to the Republic) of the Cemeteries (Burial and Exhumation) Ordinance 2016 has effect in respect of the application of that Ordinance to a religious community in accordance with section 3 of this Ordinance.

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(a) Ordinance 14/2016.

(b) Cap 226; Statute Laws of Cyprus revised edition 1959, as applied in the Areas by the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia Order in Council 1960 (SI 1960/1369, United Kingdom). Schedule 2 to the Interpretation Ordinance 2012 (Ordinance 8/2012) provides for the interpretation of such legislation. Cap 226 is amended by Ordinances 12/1963, 9/1964, 1/1986, 4/1987, 19/1988, 10/1993, 1/2001, 36/2010 and 20/2014.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Ordinance)*

1. This explanatory note relates to the Cemeteries of Religious Communities (Burial and Exhumation) Ordinance 2016 (the “Ordinance”). It has been prepared by the Office of the Attorney General and Legal Adviser in order to assist the reader of the Ordinance. It does not form part of the Ordinance.
2. The Ordinance reflects the Republic’s Law Number 176(I)/2013. It applies the Cemeteries (Burial and Exhumation) Ordinance 2016 to cemeteries for Maronites, Armenians and Roman Catholics and any other religious community designated under the Republic’s law, subject to the modifications in the Ordinance and all other necessary modifications.
3. Where land is required for a cemetery for these religious communities it may be acquired by way of compulsory acquisition, with the cost being borne by the community which will use the cemetery. Cemeteries for a religious community are run by a committee appointed under the Republic’s law.

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