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News Release

Restrictions Eased on Faith-based Cemeteries

Commissioner Abrams announced today that the Board of County Commissioners has made it easier for houses of worship to include cemeteries on their grounds. The Board approved exceptions to minimum land requirements when owned and operated by a place of worship. This approval will provide places of worship the opportunity to obtain permits for cemeteries on two to five acres, in conformance with state statutes.

“This change will comfort those who wish to know that their departed’s place of rest will have a connection with their place of worship,” said Abrams. “This is truly a faith-based initiative,” he added.

Several other exceptions relative to interment practices, such as columbariums (cremation structures) and/or mausoleums were also included in the approved changes.