



grounds within their corporate limits, but they do not know how many are out there. Additionally, cities may also have difficulty locating the appropriate contact person for each cemetery, particularly if the cemetery has long since been abandoned or forgotten.

Local governments that create ordinances will incur costs associated with the drafting, publication, indexing and recording of adopted ordinances, and at least every five years, review and eliminate redundant, obsolete, inconsistent, and invalid provisions. According to Kentucky League of Cities, most cities, especially the smaller ones, retain their city attorney on contract and pay on an hourly basis. Time spent drafting an ordinance is influenced by its complexity and the amount of research that is necessary. Currently (FY 2023), the average hourly rate was between \$117 and \$128. Rates for legal notices vary greatly depending on the length of the publication, the number of times it needs to be published and the newspaper in which the publication is placed. Therefore, these costs are unknown.

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