

COMMISSION POLICY**POLICY #2.18****SUBJECT:** Abandonment of Cemeteries and Removal
and Reinterment of Human Remains**DATE ADOPTED**

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POLICY STATEMENT

This policy is to provide guidelines for the abandonment of cemeteries and removal and reinterment of human remains in the unincorporated areas of Baldwin County.

PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENT

In order to carry out this policy, the following steps must be taken:

1. At the time of the writing of these guidelines (March 2008), Alabama General Law governs this topic. Therefore, the processes related to the abandonment of cemeteries and removal and reinterment of human remains within the jurisdiction of the Baldwin County Commission (unincorporated areas) shall be followed as set forth at §11-47-60 through §11-47-74 of the Code of Alabama 1975 and other applicable law.
2. Formal action shall be taken by the Baldwin County Commission consenting or dissenting to any applicant's request for abandonment of a cemetery. Once the Commission takes action, staff will send a copy of the Baldwin County Commission's letter and/or instrument consenting/dissenting thereto to the Probate Judge of Baldwin County, the Baldwin County Health Department, the Baldwin County Land Officer and the Records Manager.

* For reference purposes, please see information specific to the [Etheridge Family Cemetery](#), which can be found in the February 3, 2009 Baldwin County Commission meeting "Minutes", [MN20090203](#) and "Agenda Package", [AG20090203](#).