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Sincerely,

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Places of burial, all nonprofit cemeteries, and monuments of the dead are exempt from taxation. Real property owned by cemeteries operated on a for-profit basis which has been prepared and is being held for burial purposes is exempt from taxation; provided, that the amount of such property does not exceed the reasonable expectation of public needs. Cemeteries are required to apply for exemption and obtain approval of exemption by the State Board of Equalization if charges are imposed for use of burial plots.¹

¹T.C.A. § 67-5-214.

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