

1 **RESOLUTION NO. 8133**

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3 A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmember John Alcalá, requesting the City of
4 Topeka to provide financial assistance in the amount of \$60,000 for
5 maintenance of Rochester Cemetery.
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7 WHEREAS, the Rochester Cemetery Association Board of Directors have been
8 challenged for some time with the task of stretching limited resources to pay for
9 maintenance of the still active cemetery grounds. Rising maintenance costs have
10 adversely affected the Board's ability to provide needed road repairs, damaged tree
11 removal, replacement and repair of aging equipment, and similar expenses; and

12 WHEREAS, the Rochester Cemetery Association had less than \$2,000 in legally
13 accessible funds remaining in its combined money market and checking accounts as of
14 October 31, 2008 (Rochester Cemetery Association Treasurer's Report, Exhibit A
15 attached). Further depletion of cemetery funds is expected to occur for the remainder of
16 2008 and in 2009; and

17 WHEREAS, the City of Topeka has some direct responsibility to provide funding
18 to the Rochester Cemetery Association for cemetery maintenance purposes.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Topeka
20 that the City Council finds it is necessary for the City of Topeka to grant financial
21 assistance in the amount of \$60,000 (sixty thousand dollars) to the Rochester Cemetery
22 Association for the purpose of maintaining the cemetery for the remainder of 2008 and
23 in 2009.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Topeka that the City
25 Council requests the City Manager to prepare and execute an Agreement granting the

26 Rochester Cemetery Association \$60,000 (sixty thousand dollars) for cemetery
27 maintenance expenses for 2008 and 2009. Funding will be from the City's 2008
28 General Fund or from any other legal source.

29 ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council December 16, 2008.

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William W. Bunten, Mayor

Brenda Younger, City Clerk