

**RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF
MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY**

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It is the plan of the Memorial Park Cemetery to establish their Rules and Regulations so that they will be in the best interest of all property owners concerned. Each regulation is intended to protect the interest of the lot owner or maintain the cemetery's development program.

All maps, interment records, diagrams, etc. will be found at the City Hall.

LOTS AND LOT OWNERS

All lots shall be held in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Cemetery now in force or which may be hereafter adopted.

The City will care for and maintain all roads, walkways, grass, vegetation, and shrubbery and improvements belonging to the monuments erected on their lots. Owners of cemetery property may also perform maintenance when needed.

Lots in Memorial Park Cemetery will be conveyed to the purchaser by Warranty Deed, No Deed for any lot shall be issued, nor shall any right of ownership pass to the purchaser until the purchase price is wholly paid.

No transfer or assignment of any lot or interest therein shall be valid without the consent of the City endorsed upon such transfer or assignment.

Burial plots are exempt from debts, liens, or taxes of any kind and are held forever as a hallowed spot.

No grave on any lot shall be opened or filled except by an employee of the City and under the direction of the Superintendent.

No interment of a body other than that of a human being will be permitted in the Cemetery.

The burial of more than one body in the same grave is strictly prohibited, except in the case of mother and infant child, twin children or two children at the same time.

In all cases of interments on lots, where the parties applying are unknown to the Secretary or Superintendent or their responsibility is insufficient, a written permit from the owner of the lot must be filed with the City before such interment will be permitted.

CREMAINS

Cremins may be buried 3 to a lot in a 4x4 foot square, 2 feet deep, at the head, middle, or foot of the plot. The person may do the burial themselves (under supervision of the City), or the City will do it for a fee of \$75.00. Only one cremins will be permitted for burial on top of a plot with a traditional burial.

DISINTERMENT

Should any grave be vacated through the removal of the body, the use of the ground shall revert immediately to the City and the usual fee for disinterment will be charged; but if the body or bodies are removed to a lot purchased from the City, the amount originally paid for the ground shall be allowed the purchaser and credited toward the purchase of a new lot.

CARE OF LOTS AND IMPROVEMENTS

Permanent planting of trees and shrubs are made by the City before the lots in a section are offered for sale and any further permanent planting will be permitted only on written consent of the Superintendent.

Should any tree or shrub on a lot become dangerous because of its roots or branches, or otherwise become dangerous, detrimental, unsightly, or annoying to the adjacent lots or drives, and its removal be deemed necessary, the Superintendent shall have the right to remove such tree or shrub or any part thereof.

No lot or grave space may be decorated by its owner or others with any tree or shrub; nor may trees or shrubs already planted be disturbed in any way without first obtaining written consent from the Superintendent.

No lots or parcels of ground in Memorial Park Cemetery may be defined by any kind of fencing, railing, hedge, or embankment; nor may any lot be filled above the established grade.

The City also reserves the right to have all excavations and digging of graves performed by their own workmen.

MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS

A permit must be obtained from the City before any monument or marker is placed on a lot or any labor performed thereon.

While there is no desire to interfere with the preference of individuals in regard to the style of their monuments, in fairness to the interest of the City, the management reserves the right to prevent the placing of or remove any structure or object which they shall deem injurious to the general good appearance of the grounds and particularly to the adjoining lots.

All monuments, markers, or other memorial structures shall be constructed of granite, marble, or standard bronze. A large monument requires a large lot. The monument should be in proportion to the size of the lot on which it is to be placed. Monuments of any other material such as rock or sandstone will not be permitted.

CURBING AND MONUMENTS ARE REGULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Location	Curb	Flat	High
Section I	NO	YES	
Section II	NO	YES	YES
Section III	NO	YES	
Section IV	NO	YES	YES
Section V	NO	YES	YES
Section VI	NO	YES	YES
Section VII	NO	YES	YES
Baby Garden	NO	YES	
Rose Garden	NO	YES	
Youth Garden	NO	YES	
Thomas Section	NO	YES	YES
Wagner Section	NO	YES	YES
Northeast Section	NO	YES	YES
Northwest Section	NO	YES	YES
Southeast Section	NO	YES	YES
Southwest Section	NO	YES	YES

No monument or marker raised above the surface of the ground will be allowed in Memorial Garden in Section I, Section III or Rose Garden. The marker or monument shall be 4 feet or less in length, 2 feet or less in width, and not less than 4 inches thick. Veteran’s flat bronze markers are accepted.

Sprinkler systems are not permitted in any area of the Memorial Park Cemetery.

No monument work will be permitted in the Cemetery on Sundays or holidays.

No monument or marker shall be removed from the Cemetery unless the written order from the lot owner is presented at the City office before such removal.

Only small metal markers or granite, marble, or bronze markers at the surface level (no larger than 20 x 10 inches), as approved by the City, can be placed in the Baby Garden.

All persons are prohibited from writing on, defacing, or damaging any monument, marker, or other structure in the Cemetery. Anyone doing so will be prosecuted.

Corner posts measuring 4" x 4" and buried 6 inches deep are permitted in Section V and VI and must be placed within the boundaries of the owners Cemetery Property.

FOUNDATIONS AND CURBING

Foundations will be required for all monuments, markers, and structures of every description placed on lots. A 3 inch border is required on foundations having upright monuments.

All foundations are to be constructed of granite or concrete and Portland cement. Curbing is not allowed in any area of the Cemetery. Any existing curbing shall be considered as Grandfathered and will be allowed to remain in place and be maintained.

All upright markers must be set on a cement base extending 3 inches beyond the bottom of the marker on all four sides and be at least 4 inches in depth. The heights of the cement base are to be level with the general level of the surrounding ground.

CONTRACTORS AND WORKMEN

Workmen engaged in the erection of monuments, markers, etc. will be subject to the rules and regulations of the City and their employers will be held accountable for any violation thereon by them.

In depositing or moving materials for monuments to lots situated apart from the main drives, the intervening lots must not be unnecessarily trespassed upon. The walkways are to be used in all cases wherever possible. Planks are required to be unnecessarily trespassed upon. The walkways are to be used in all cases wherever possible. Planks are required to be laid on the walkways or grass over which heavy materials are to be moved, to protect the walks and lots from injury.

Heavy loads of material will not be permitted to be hauled into the Cemetery when the condition of the ground is such as to cause injury to the walkways.

Workmen must suspend their labors when in the immediate vicinity of a funeral until the conclusion of all the services.

Obstructions to the drives and walkways incidental to improvements of all kinds must be as slight as possible; there must be no unnecessary delay in finishing after work has commenced.

Persons engaged in erecting monuments or other structures are prohibited from attaching ropes to trees, shrubs, or other objects without permission from the Cemetery authorities.

The Superintendent has entire charge of the Cemetery and is authorized to enforce all rules, to maintain order, to oversee workmen, visitors, or drivers, to inspect, and when necessary, to refuse entrance to all materials.

All information as to the grades, boundary lines, dimension of lots, location of graves, etc. must be obtained from the Superintendent before beginning work on any lots.

All surplus materials, tools, trash, etc. must be removed upon the completion of the work or when directed by the Superintendent.

VISITORS

Visitors are reminded that these grounds are sacredly devoted to the interment of the dead and a strict observance of proper decorum will be required by all.

All visitors are expected to respect the solemnity of the place and strictly observe the rules which have been established by the management for the purpose of always securing quiet and good order at all times within the grounds.

MISCELLANEOUS

Pets/Animals are not permitted in the Cemetery, and no firearms are permitted on the grounds except at military funerals and demonstrations. Any animal waste must be disposed of properly immediately following funeral ceremonies.

Vehicles must run slow, and the owners thereof will be held responsible for any accident that may occur owing to their presence.

No advertisements in any form will be permitted in the Cemetery.

The City reserves the right to remove from any lot anything that conflicts with the rules and regulations and to remove at its discretion any unsightly decorations.

The Superintendent or his assistant will be available during working hours to give information or render assistance to lot owners or visitors.

Funeral processions, while within the grounds of the Cemetery, are subject to the direction and are under the control of the Superintendent.

In no case will the Memorial Park Cemetery be responsible for articles which may be placed on lots.

The Superintendent will use reasonable care in engaging competent and experienced workmen and in seeing that they do their work with customary carefulness; but the City distinctly disclaims any responsibility or liability for accidents or damage to headstones, vases, monuments, excavations, and above-ground water facilities that are caused by anyone except cemetery employees.

Reasonable efforts are made to protect flowers, trees, shrubs, and other property on lots within the grounds; but no responsibility for their protection is guaranteed.

No sign indicating that a lot, vault, or other structure is for sale will be permitted on the grounds.

No boxes, baskets, shells, or other objects will be permitted upon any lot or grave space, and if so placed, will be removed at once. Owner may claim the object by calling the office of the Superintendent within a thirty-day period.

Vases containing flowers or other decorations, if on a monument base, can be left year-round at owner's discretion.