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# Providence City Cemetery

## Rules and Regulations

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# INTRODUCTION



It is the desire of Providence City to operate and maintain a cemetery that is beautiful, dignified and an appropriate final resting place for loved ones.

In formulating these rules and regulations, it has been our desire to offer as much freedom of choice as possible while still preserving those regulations necessary to maintain a high standard of beauty and efficiency. We sincerely hope that you will assist us in this effort by adhering to these rules. We also solicit your comments and suggestions regarding general maintenance and operating procedures.

## **PERPETUAL CARE**

Perpetual care is defined as care for the cemetery generally, and shall include mowing at reasonable intervals, re-sodding, seeding, filling in sunken graves, sodding the surface of the graves to lot level, removing dead flowers and trimming trees and shrubbery when necessary, raking and cleaning, and straightening or tilting stones or markers. It shall not include repairing or replacing markers or memorial structures of any nature, except when the need for repair or replacement is directly caused by the City.



## HEADSTONE/MARKERS

### GRAVE MARKERS

Grave Markers shall not be installed in the City cemetery until payment has been made.

1. The grave markers shall be placed at the head of the grave under the supervision of the Sexton.
2. Only one marker shall be allowed per space regardless of the number of internments in said space.
3. All markers shall be required to have a 4 inch minimum mow strip flush to the ground.
4. A marker for a single grave shall be no larger than 48" long by 28" wide by 36" tall.
5. A marker shared by two graves shall be no larger than 96" long by 28" wide by 36" tall.
6. A marker shared by three graves shall be no larger than 144" long by 28" wide by 36" tall.
7. The Sexton must be notified a minimum of 48 hours prior to the installation of a marker. Notification must take place during regular business hours.
8. Markers shall be installed by a monument company, Monday-Friday during regular business hours.
9. No marker will be installed if weather and/or ground conditions are unsuitable.



## RULES & REGULATIONS

### A. SPEED LIMIT

The speed limit within the Providence City Cemetery is 10 mph.

### B. ACCESS

Access to Providence City Cemetery is restricted to daylight hours.

### C. ANIMALS

NO animal shall be allowed in the cemetery except within the confines of a vehicle, and must be at all times retained within the confines of the vehicle while it is in the cemetery.

### D. IMPROPER CONDUCT PROHIBITED

Providence City Cemetery grounds are sacredly dedicated to the burial of the dead. Any behavior or conduct not in keeping with this purpose is expressly forbidden.



## DECORATION OF GRAVES

### A. FLORAL PIECES

Floral pieces and containers will be removed without notice when they become unsightly. Grave owners desiring to retain floral pieces must remove them within seven (7) days after the interment.

### B. HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Floral pieces and decorations will be removed and disposed of seven (7) days following the holiday.

### C. LANDSCAPING BY PRIVATE PERSONS

No person may erect or maintain any fence, corner post, coping or boundary of any kind, to plant any vegetation upon any lot or lots, street, alley or walk in the cemetery or to grade the ground or land. One (1) shepherd's crook may be placed adjacent to the mow strip.

### D. HEADSTONES

Headstones shall be placed at the head of the grave under the supervision of the Sexton. All headstones are required to have a 4 inch (minimum) mow strip flush to the ground.



## DUTIES & POWERS OF SEXTON

### A. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SEXTON

The Sexton has the responsibility of the general supervision and administration of the cemetery under the direction of the Public Works Director. The Sexton may take such action necessary in order to protect the property of the graves and lot owners.

### B. REMOVAL OF FLOWERS

The Sexton may remove floral pieces, decorations or displays left on any grave as deemed necessary to the appearance of the cemetery. The floral pieces and decorations will not be removed sooner than seven (7) days after placement.

### C. SUPERVISION OF BURIALS

The Sexton is in charge of every interment. No grave shall be opened or filled, refilled, or sodded except by the employees of the City under the direction of the Sexton.

### D. SUPERVISION OF PLACEMENT OF GRAVE MARKERS

No monument or marker shall be placed in the Providence Cemetery without the direction and supervision of the Sexton.



## BURIALS CONTINUED

### F. PARENT/CHILD BURIALS

A parent/child may be buried in the same grave space and same casket and buried at the same time. The general guideline is that the child must be under 2 years of age.

### G. NOTICE OF BURIAL

The Sexton must be notified a minimum of 48 hours prior to a burial. Notification must take place during regular business hours and payment must be either paid or arranged.

## CREMATIONS

### A. TWO REMAINS IN ONE GRAVE

Interment of the cremated remains of two individuals in one adult grave shall be permitted. Each must be placed in a separate container.

### B. MONUMENTS

Only one monument will be allowed on each grave.

### C. CREMATED REMAINS ALLOWED WITH BURIAL

The cremated remains of one person may be interred in the same grave space as a buried individual (not cremated). The cremated remains must be buried at the same time or after the individual not cremated. Only one monument shall be allowed on each single grave.

## FEES

### A. DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE

A lost certificate can be reissued for a fee of \$75.00. Additionally, a new certificate will be issued if a change in ownership through will or common consent of family members takes place. In the case of a change of ownership, the old certificate must be relinquished to the City.

### B. CEMETERY SPACES

There are no longer resident and non-resident fees. The cost of a single grave in the Providence Cemetery is \$800.00.

### C. PURCHASE RESTRICTIONS

Purchase of space(s) shall be on an as needed bases only, with a limit of four (4) spaces per household (restrictions apply).

### D. BURIAL COSTS

The cost of burial is the same for residents and non-residents. The fee is \$625 for the opening and closing of the grave on weekdays and \$1,200 on Saturday. The cost for an infant or cremation is \$300 on weekdays and \$800.00 on Saturday.

### E. HEADSTONE INSTALLATION FEES

Upright Headstone \$100  
Flat Headstone (flush to ground level) \$25

## LOT OWNERSHIP & PRIVILEGES

### A. NATURE AND EXTENT OF RIGHTS ACQUIRED

Upon the payment of the purchase price, the purchaser acquires the rights of burial in said grave, subject to the rules and regulations of the cemetery. No interment will be permitted in or marker allowed on any grave not fully paid for, except by special consent of the Sexton.

### B. DESCENT AND INHERITANCE OF BURIAL RIGHTS

Upon the death of a grave owner, the grave descends to those named in his will or to his heirs as designated by law. The heirs are entitled to the same use of the grave as the original owner and bound by the same rules and regulations. If a grave owner dies without willing his remaining grave(s) to specific heirs, the heirs may designate it to a family member by relinquishing their rights to said grave. A document stating this must be signed by all remaining heirs of the first generation. Upon receipt of the signed document, the City Treasurer or their designee will issue a new certificate to the grave owner(s) for the cost as shown on the fee schedule held in the City Office.

### C. TRANSFER OF LOTS PROHIBITED

From April 15, 1977, the graves sold by the City shall not be further sold, transferred, conveyed or assigned to any person except the City. The City will buy any cemetery grave for the original purchase price paid. If the original purchase price was less than \$50, the City will repurchase the lot for \$50.

## BURIALS

### A. PAYMENT REQUIRED

No grave will be opened in the City cemetery until payment for its opening and closing is paid or arrangements have been made.

### B. VAULT REQUIRED

1) It shall be necessary that caskets, including infant caskets, be placed in a vault made of concrete, steel, or brick lined, or such other material approved by the City.

2) The cremated remains of an individual may be buried without a vault, but must be placed in an urn or other container provided by the mortuary.

### C. INTERMENT RESTRICTIONS

No funeral or interment will be allowed in the cemetery on Sunday, or any of the holidays officially observed by Providence City, or any day the City is officially closed (such as the day after Thanksgiving). There will be additional charges for burials on Saturday. The City only allows two (2) burials per day.

### D. COMPLETION OF BURIAL

Funeral directors must arrange so as to be off the grounds by 4:00 p.m.

### E. BURIAL OF OTHER THAN LOT OWNERS

A person cannot be buried in a grave they do not own unless a Burial Permission form is completed with the City, signed by the grave owner or their heirs granting permission for the burial.