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# *Parkview Cemetery Rules & Regulations*

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## **WHY DECORATIONS MUST BE REGULATED**

1. Parkview Cemetery is the final resting place for thousands of our loved ones. To ensure their continued care and an aesthetically pleasing environment certain regulations must be adhered to ensure the quality of the Cemetery. We do not wish to displease anyone. Quite the contrary, we want to make your Cemetery pleasing to everyone and we feel sure that these rules will provide a much more beautiful and comforting place in which to come and pay your respects. Without uniform regulations, which are established for the good of all patrons, it would be impossible to maintain a beautiful Cemetery. We thank you for your cooperation.
2. **Please Note:** Two problems beyond our control are strong winds and theft of flowers/decorations from the vases. Sometimes flowers/decorations are missing due to these reasons.

### **Decorations –**

1. Planting will be only done by cemetery staff or staff's direction.
  - a. Do not plant bushes, flowers, or other plants around monuments or memorials without the permission of the Cemetery Superintendent.
  - b. Parkview Cemetery uses herbicides to help control weeds and will not be responsible for plants planted around memorials or monuments.
2. No decorations are allowed on/around surface markers.
  - a. This includes no vases, flowers, or flag holders. Mowers must be able to go over these markers.
  - b. Place all decorations by headstone monuments.
3. Decorations that cannot withstand Nebraska weather should not be used as decorations.
4. Fixtures must be mounted permanently on the foundation of the monument at either end, These fixtures must not intrude on the adjacent owner's property or obstruct cemetery maintenance.
  - a. The following is a list of approved fixtures:
    - i. Lamp pole
    - ii. Flagpole
    - iii. Shepards hook

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- iv. Heart shape hook
  - b. All fixtures will be inspected by the Cemetery Superintendent. If they do not meet these standards, they will be removed by the cemetery staff at their discretion.
- 5. Shepard hooks and solar lights should be placed on the north and south sides of the monuments or memorials – preferably attached to foundation or memorials – leaving foundation wash clear for trimming and mowing.
- 6. Vases are recommended to be secured on the foundation of any monument.
  - a. Vases are not allowed on the east or west side of the monument and must be on the north and south side.
- 7. Flowers placed in permanent vases
  - a. Flowers, wreaths and other items may be removed without notice if unsightly.
  - b. Glass, ceramic, tin cans, toys, balloons or stuffed animals should be avoided and will be removed if broken or appears to be unsightly or pose a risk to cemetery maintenance staff.
  - c. Items not in permanent vases should be put on or as close to the stone as possible
  - d. No curbing, edgings or fencing is allowed around any lot, grave or stone.
  - e. Benches are not allowed unless it is part of the monument. These benches are only pedestal benches made of stone.
  - f. Glass containers for flowers or wire used for anchoring or stabilizing decorative materials are extremely dangerous to visitors, and to Cemetery workers using modern mowing and spraying equipment, and the use of wire or glass or other shatterable materials is strictly forbidden
  - g. Only artificial bouquets and cut flowers will be permitted as grave Decorations \*\*Parkview Cemetery does allow one solar light and one Shepards hook secured on the north or south side of monument or memorial.\*\*
    - i. Holiday exceptions
      - 1. Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Halloween, Christmas.
    - ii. These special decorations need to be picked up within 2 weeks of the holiday or Parkview cemetery staff may pick up and dispose of them.

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8. Parkview Cemetery is not responsible for any items placed on or around monuments.
  - a. Parkview Cemetery will take reasonable action to avoid or move decorations while caring for the property to prevent damage.
9. Parkview Cemetery does not have control over theft, vandalism and weather damage.
10. Parkview Cemetery may remove unsightly, aged, broken, abandoned decorations. Should there be excessive decorations around a monument or memorial and the site is not being maintained by owner, the decorations will be removed to keep Cemetery aesthetically pleasing.
11. Flags
  - a. Parkview Cemetery does not supply flags for veterans. If flags are tattered, torn, worn or broken, they will be picked up and disposed of.
12. Columbarium Wall
  - a. No decorations are allowed on the columbarium (top or bottom) except approved Veterans plaque.
  - b. No decorations around the edge of grass.
  - c. No exceptions.

### **Interments–**

1. All charges for opening and closing graves, sale of lots, and for maintenance and services at the Cemetery will be regulated by the City, as approved by the City Council.
2. The right is reserved by the Cemetery to insist upon at least twenty-four (24) hour notice prior to any interment. When the day of interment follows a Sunday or any other legal holiday forty-eight (48) hour notice is needed prior to any such interment
3. No interment shall be permitted or memorial placed in or on any property not fully paid for, and the purchaser of a lot shall not have any rights in or to such lot until the purchase money shall have been fully paid.
4. No interments on the days listed below.
  - a. Sundays
  - b. Saturday Afternoons
  - c. Holidays
    - i. New Years Day
    - ii. Martin Luther King Jr

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- iii. Memorial Day
  - iv. Independence Day
  - v. Labor Day
  - vi. Veterans Day
  - vii. Thanksgiving Day
  - viii. Day after Thanksgiving
  - ix. Christmas Eve afternoon
  - x. Christmas Day
- d. If a Holiday falls on a Saturday it is observed on the preceding Friday. If the holiday falls on a Sunday it is observed on the following Monday.
  - e. Interments may be postponed due to inclement weather at the discretion of the Cemetery Superintendent.
  - f. Cremation interments will be limited to two cremations per traditional burial space. Or one traditional and one cremation.
    - i. Traditional is a full-size burial with a casket and vault.
  - g. Interment of pets is not allowed.

### **disinterment–**

1. Disinterments; Notice and Application.
2. The right is reserved by the Cemetery to insist upon at least one week's notice to the City Manager or Supervisor of the Cemetery prior to any disinterment or removal.
3. Disinterment may be made only on written consent of the Cemetery and written consent of the owner, or owners of the Cemetery lot, and of the surviving wife or husband, children and parents of the deceased, duly authorized personal representatives, acting under court authority, may apply where the proceeding of owners and/or next of kin are nonexistent or unavailable.
4. Any disinterment which is the subject of objection or disagreement among the surviving next of kin will be allowed only upon written court order. All applications for disinterment must be accompanied by the proper legal authorization including a
5. Disinterment Permit issued by the Nebraska State Department of Health and notarized consent forms executed by the proceeding named parties and delivered to the Supervisor.
6. All removals will be made under the supervision of a licensed embalmer or funeral director by the Cemetery personnel. When a disinterment is being made, no one shall be present except the mortician in charge, and the Supervisor and his

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assistant, duly empowered officers of the law, or people acting under authority of court orders.

7. Removal by the heirs of a body or cremated remains so that the lot or space may be sold for profit to themselves, or removal contrary to the expressed or implied wish of the original lot owner, is repugnant to the ordinary sense of decency and is absolutely forbidden.
8. A body or cremated remains may be removed from its original lot or space to a larger or better lot in the Cemetery, when there has been an exchange or purchase for that purpose.
9. The Cemetery shall exercise due care in making a disinterment and removal but shall assume no liability for damage to any body, casket, burial case or urn in making the disinterment and removal.

### **Lots -**

1. Abandonment of Lots: The ownership or right in or to an unoccupied Cemetery lot, part of lot, lots or parts of lots, in the Cemetery shall, upon abandonment revert to the City. The determination of abandonment and procedures associated therewith shall be as provided by §12-701 and §12-702, R.R.S.

### **Monuments -**

1. Memorial and Monument Defined. Memorial means a monument, marker, table, headstone, tombstone, or crypt nameplate. Monument means a tombstone or memorial of granite, or other approved stone, which shall extend above the surface of the ground, unless otherwise specified.
2. All memorials and monuments must be approved by the Cemetery Superintendent.
  - a. Garden Benches are not allowed. All bench monuments must be pedestal style and part of the monument.
3. Must get a permit approved by Cemetery Superintendent before any monument or memorial is placed.
4. Parkview cemetery has different sections; each section may have differing restrictions for monuments and memorials which need to be complied with.
5. All monuments, markers, mausoleums or tombs shall be constructed of natural stone of a quality approved by the City.
  - a. No artificial stone of any description shall be permitted.
  - b. No 'for sale' signs may be placed anywhere on the Cemetery grounds

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6. Only one single Memorial or Monument may be placed at any grave, and it shall be placed on the lot lines or grave lines and in the center of the burial space.
7. All permanent flower containers shall be constructed of concrete, steel, brass or other approved durable materials.
  - a. Containers constructed of fragile materials such as glass, paper or plastic will not be allowed for permanent flower arrangements.
  - b. All permanent flower containers shall be placed on a concrete pad, level with the existing grade, with six (6) inches of clearance around the container.
8. A 5" wash for foundations is required for protection of each monument or Memorial.
9. Foundations
  - a. 24" maximum width
  - b. 2" shorter of north and south lot lines.
  - c. Double monuments are centered on the two lots.
  - d. Any monument larger, not allowing a 5" wash" agrees Parkview Cemetery is not responsible for damage to monuments or memorials.
10. Surface monuments and memorials
  - a. These monuments and memorials will be flush with the ground.
  - b. No decorations on or around surface memorials or monuments.

### **General Rules–**

1. Cemetery is open year-round to visitors between hours are 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM
2. Pets must remain in vehicles or on a leash. You are responsible for picking up after your pet.
3. The Cemetery does not sell or set any stones, monuments or vases
4. No monument, memorial, stone, vase, foundation may be set without the approval of the Cemetery Superintendent including a completed permit.
5. Children should be accompanied by adults and not allowed to climb on stones
6. Drive Slowly
7. No person shall be permitted to consume alcoholic beverages in the cemetery.