



Rules and Regulations

A Non-Profit
Perpetual Care Cemetery

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CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR

OAK RIDGE MEMORIAL PARK

These Rules and Regulations are designed for the protection of owners of Interment Rights as a group. They are intended, not as restraining, but rather as preventing the inconsiderate from taking unfair advantage of others. Their enforcement will help protect your Cemetery and create and preserve its beauty. These rules and regulations are hereby adopted as the rules and regulations of the Cemetery, and all owners of Interment Rights, visitors, and contractors performing work within the cemetery, shall be subject to said rules and regulations, amendments or alterations as shall be adopted by the Cemetery from time to time.

This Cemetery reserves the right to compel all persons coming into the Cemetery to obey all rules and regulations adopted by the Cemetery. The rules and regulations may be changed without notice to any owner by the officers of the Cemetery.

The Cemetery shall take reasonable precautions to protect owners and the property rights of owners, within the Cemetery, from loss or damage; but it distinctly disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control, and, especially, from damage caused by the elements, an act of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasion, insurrections, riots, or order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral, other than herein provided.

All flowers and other objects will be removed from any grave unless inside a memorial vase unit during mowing season – March through November. No vases are allowed within the park unless they are installed by cemetery personnel as a part of the original manufactured memorial.

Hooks, wired wreaths, mementos, ornaments, and other unapproved objects may not be attached to the front of any mausoleum crypt or cremation niche.

Placing potted flowers, plants, or summer wreaths on lots and graves is not permitted except on Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Memorial Day, Armistice Day, and same shall be removed within ten (10) days from placing on lots and graves on the special days set forth.

The digging of holes for any purpose whatsoever is strictly prohibited. This includes holes for LED lights, shepherd hooks, flags, pinwheels, or anything that is stuck or planted into the ground on a grave space or around the memorial marker or monument.

The Cemetery reserves the right to remove all flowers, potted plants, summer wreaths or baskets of flowers when they become withered, faded, or for any other reason, and the manager is ordered to make such removals when it is to the best interests of the Cemetery. No person shall pluck or remove any plant or flower, either wild or cultivated, from any part of the Cemetery.

The Cemetery reserves, and shall have the right to correct any errors that may be made by it either in making interments, disinterments, or removals, or in the inscription, transfer, or conveyance and substituting and conveying in lieu thereof other interment rights of equal value and similar location as far as possible, or as may be selected by the Cemetery, or in the sole discretion of the Cemetery, by refunding the amount of money paid on account of said purchase. In the event such error involve the interment of the remains of any person in such property, the Cemetery reserves and shall have the right to remove and transfer such remains so interred to such other property of equal value and similar location as may be substituted and conveyed in lieu thereof. The Cemetery shall also have the right to correct any errors made by placing an improper inscription, including an incorrect name or date either on the memorial or on the

container for cremated remains.

The sale or transfer of any interment right by any owner or purchaser shall not be upon the Cemetery unless same shall first be duly approved in writing by the properly authorized officer of the Cemetery and then such interment right must be reconveyed to the Cemetery; the Cemetery shall issue a Warranty Conveyance to the new owner. The same rule shall apply in all cases of Assignment of Purchase Contract for Interment Right. This procedure is required in order that the Cemetery may at all times have a complete and accurate record of all owners and purchasers.

Any and all transfers of any Interment Right, whether same be by conveyance or assignment of purchase contract, are subject to all rules and regulations of the Cemetery, which are now in full force and effect or which may be hereafter enacted. The Cemetery may refuse to a transfer or to any assignment as long as there is any indebtedness due the Cemetery from the owner so recorded in the records of the Cemetery at the Cemetery office.

All work on the lots will be done by the employees of the Cemetery under the direction of the Cemetery, except when permission is otherwise granted in writing. All grading, landscape work, and improvements of any kind, and all care of lots, shall be done by the Cemetery. All trees, shrubs, and herbage of any kind shall be planted, trimmed, cut or removed by the Cemetery. All opening and closings of lots, and all interments, disinterments, and removals shall be made by the Cemetery.

The purchase price of all interment space sold and to be sold in the Cemetery includes a deposit for continual care, which amount is delivered to a trust company for administration.

This continual care means that within the limits permitted by the income derived from this continual care fund for interment space, the Cemetery grounds will be maintained in

keeping with a well preserved burial park, including the cutting of grass and trimming of shrubs and trees at reasonable intervals. The procuring, maintaining and keeping in reasonable condition the machinery, tools and equipment needed for that purpose, and replacing same when necessary. Keeping in repair the drains, water lines, roads, buildings, fences, and other structures, including features and embellishments of a general character applicable to the Cemetery as a whole, or to a particular area. Painting, cleaning, or otherwise preserving same at reasonable intervals. Maintaining the necessary records of interment space ownership and burials, and other necessary information, and having same available to the public authorities and other interested persons is the responsibility of the Cemetery.

If any tree, shrub or plant standing upon any lot, by means of its roots, branches, or otherwise be or become detrimental to adjacent lots or avenues, or if for any other reason its removal is deemed necessary, the Cemetery shall have the right, and it shall be their duty, to remove such tree, shrub, or plant, or any part thereof, or otherwise correct the condition existing as in their judgment seems best.

No person other than the proper employees of the Cemetery shall be allowed to perform any work within the Cemetery without a written permit from the authorized officers of the Cemetery.

If any memorial, or any structure whatsoever, or any inscription to be placed on same, shall be determined by the officers, or manager to be offensive, they shall have the right and it is their duty, to enter such lot and remove, change, or correct the offensive or improper object or objects.

All markers or memorials shall be installed by the Cemetery, at the cost of the person offering such marker or memorial for installation.

The service and installation charge shall be such amount per square inch of the memorial as posted in the Cemetery

office, and must be paid in advance of constructing the foundation or installing the memorial.

The continual care charge for the memorial shall be such amount per square inch of the memorial as posted in the Cemetery office, and must be paid in advance before construction of the foundation or installation of the memorial.

This continual care means that within the limits permitted by the income derived from this continual care fund for memorials, the flush memorials in the Cemetery will be reset if they tilt due to earth settling or because of weather action. Withered and faded bouquets will be removed from vases. Memorials will be repaired if damaged by cemetery equipment or employees. The grass will be trimmed from the edges of the memorials. Subsurface vase holders will be cleaned and memorials will generally be maintained and kept in repair.

This shall not include repair or replacement of such memorials when damage or destruction is caused by weather, vandals, thieves, act of God, common enemy, riots, or by the order of any military or civil authority, or acts beyond the control of the Cemetery.

All markers or memorials sold by the Cemetery shall be paid in full before installation. If there should be any exception to this rule, the Cemetery has the right to remove said marker or memorial until such time as payment is received.

When a removal is to be made, and no steel or concrete vault has been used for this interment, one must be furnished. If there is a steel or concrete vault, and same are in a removable condition, charge for removal of vault must be paid in advance. Arrangements for the vault removal must be made by someone other than the Cemetery. Application for removal permit must be signed by next of kin and properly notarized prior to time of removal.

Notice of twenty-four (24) working hours before the announced time of the funeral will be required. Exceptions to this rule will be made only in cases of death from a contagious disease, or when ordered by the officer of the Cemetery.

Funerals after entering the gates, shall be subject to the direction of the officers or authorized employees of the Cemetery.

No advertising or solicitations of any type will be permitted within the grounds of the Cemetery, except for the advertisement of the Cemetery.

The marking of each lot, grave, or graves, except as hereinafter provided, is restricted and limited to flat bronze tablets (with or without vases) set flush with the turf, and of such dimensions, materials, finish and construction as designated by the Cemetery. Only one memorial with a vase will be allowed per grave, and must be placed at the head of the grave. Footstones (limited to flat bronze tablets) are allowed but vases are not permitted at the foot of any grave. Any marker or memorial installed in the Cemetery by someone other than Cemetery personnel will be required to meet Cemetery specifications, and shall be supervised by a Cemetery employee and will be required to pay a supervisory fee in accordance with the laws set forth by the State of Tennessee.

Upright monuments are only allowed in the Dr. Ball Garden and in rows A&B of the Garden of Light. Nothing larger than a five (5) foot base on two lots will be allowed. The die must not be less than eight (8) inches in thickness, and the base not less than eight (8) inches in thickness.

Outer containers are required for all burials. No metal boxes will be accepted. Steel outer containers must meet minimum gauge standards of twelve (12) or thirteen (13), as deemed by the Cemetery. The exception of the outer container rule is in Beth El (Jewish) garden in Oak Ridge

Memorial Park. This exception is in compliance with religious doctrine. An extra charge for opening and closing may be enforced.

All mausoleum crypts are standard size. Any casket that is of a size that will not be accommodated by the mausoleum crypt will be offered an alternative in ground burial. All remains being placed in the mausoleum must be embalmed unless written permission is granted by the Cemetery.

The number of interments per lot will be limited to a maximum of one (1) body and one (1) cremains or two (2) cremains. A second right of interment must be purchased in order for more than person to be interred in a space.

No dogs shall be permitted in the Cemetery except with permission of the Cemetery.

No person shall be permitted within the Cemetery on a bicycle.

Bringing beer or intoxicating liquors within the Cemetery is strictly forbidden.

No boxes, shells, toys, discarded glassware, sprinkling cans, receptacles, windchimes, bird feeders, bird houses, shepherd hooks, balloons, candles, or similar articles will be permitted on any grave, lot, tree, or common area.

The Cemetery is not responsible for the theft or damage of anything placed on graves or lots.

No wooden or cast iron bench or chair, or any wooden or wire trellis shall be permitted to be or be brought upon the grounds.

Speed of over 15 miles per hour will not be permitted.

No person shall either ride or drive upon the lawns.

No person will be permitted to use profane or boisterous language or in any way disturb the quiet and good order of the Cemetery.

All persons are reminded that the grounds are sacredly devoted to the burial of the dead, and that the provisions and penalties of the law, as provided by statute, will be strictly enforced in all cases of wanton injury, disturbance and disregard of the rules.

The Cemetery may, and it hereby expressly reserves the right, at any time or times, with or without notice to owners, to adopt new rules and regulations, or to amend, alter, and/or repeal any rules, regulation, and/or article, section, paragraph, and/or sentence in these rules and regulations.

Special cases may arise in which the literal enforcement of a rule may impose unnecessary hardship. The Cemetery therefore reserves the right, without notice, to make exceptions, suspensions, or modifications in any of the rules and regulations when, in its judgement, the same appear advisable. Such temporary exceptions, suspensions, or modifications shall in no way be construed as affecting the general application of such.

