

January 19, 2026

Proposed ordinance changes for the Cemetery

Ordinance 7-2-14

7-A.1.H

The placement of memorials on unfilled graves or lots is permitted according to the following. Owners of the lot/plot shall obtain written permission from the Sexton and/or Town Council before the placement of the memorial. Owners will also be financially responsible for movement/replacement of said memorial at the time the lot/plot will be used.

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There are no trash containers located within the cemetery, therefore, all refuse of any kind or nature including, among others, dried flowers, wreaths, papers and flower containers must be removed and taken to the local refuse depot.

e. No memorial may be erected on any lot or grave until such lot or grave space is fully paid for.

f. Exceedingly large or unusual monuments that may impair maintenance work in the cemetery, complicate future burials, encroach on adjacent lots, or impede the sprinkler spray pattern within the cemetery are prohibited.

g. Crypts, mausoleums, columbariums and other structures beyond the ability of the Town to accommodate are prohibited.

h. The placement of memorials on unfilled graves or lots is prohibited. An exception to this rule would be when one party sharing a memorial (as in a double marker) has been buried and the remaining plot sharing the memorial remains unused.

2. Monument companies are responsible for all damages to cemetery grounds and surrounding memorials that occur during their installation of a marker, memorial or monument. Monument companies and all other contractors must carry liability insurance coverage for not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for coverage for all work done within the cemetery. Any damage to turf, trees, shrubs, flowers or structures resulting from the delivery or setting of said memorial work will be assessed to the person, firm or corporation responsible for the memorial work. Memorial contractors shall make every effort to remove any excess debris resulting from their activity.

3. The Town shall not be responsible for any damage, loss, theft or vandalism to any monument, marker, adornment or floral display, even if it is located within the tribute area. Although great care is taken to avoid any damage during routine mowing and maintenance work, the Town cannot be responsible for inadvertent scratches and nicks that may occur to memorials during cemetery maintenance work. It shall be acknowledged by burial rights owners that such a risk is inherent to the placement of said memorials on cemetery lots.

4. Medallions and special service emblems that commemorate armed services participation and veterans' organizations are allowed, but are encouraged to be permanently attached to monuments or the monument bases in such a fashion so as not to incur damage, or to interfere with cemetery maintenance.

those persons who have honorably served in the armed forces of the United States of America in the provided receptacle.

C. Grounds Maintenance:

1. The Town reserves the right of easement over and across any lot or burial space in the cemetery for the maintenance and repair of turf, installation or maintenance of water pipes or water lines for the improvement of the cemetery, and for the opening and closing of adjacent graves. The Sexton will be responsible to see that all the work is completed and the surface returned to proper condition after such installation or maintenance work.
2. No grading, leveling or excavating upon a burial space shall be allowed without the written permission of the Sexton.
3. The Sexton reserves the right to direct the planting of trees and shrubs in the cemetery.
4. Mounds, which hinder the free use of a lawn mower or other gardening apparatus, are prohibited.
5. The Sexton shall have the right and authority to remove and dispose of any and all growth, emblems, displays or containers that through decay, deterioration, damage or otherwise, become unsightly, a source of litter or a maintenance problem.
6. Surfaces other than sod are prohibited.
7. All refuse of any kind or nature including, among others, dried flowers, wreaths, papers and flower containers must be removed or deposited in trash containers located within the cemetery.
8. All Eagle Scout projects shall be reviewed by the Governing Body and the Sexton prior to approval. The cost of the materials for said projects shall be borne by the Town.
9. The Sexton shall, whenever required, furnish the true lines of a lot according to an official survey, and shall prevent and prohibit any markings of the lot except by official landmarks.

D. Conduct Within Cemetery:

1. No children under the age of twelve (12) years will be allowed in the cemetery unless accompanied by an adult responsible for their conduct.