

For the mutual protection of every lot purchaser in these sections, these rules and regulations are hereby adopted as the rules and regulations of Oak Ridge Cemetery, and all property owners and visitors within the cemetery, and all lots hereafter to be sold in said cemetery, are and shall be subject to the following rules and regulations formulated and adopted by City Manager and Council of Tifton, Georgia, and subject further to such other additional rules and regulations, amendments or alterations as shall be adopted by the City for said Oak Ridge Cemetery, the same being a public cemetery, owned and operated by the City; and reference to such rules and regulations in instruments or deeds conveying the ownership of lots and the right of interment shall have the same force and effect as if the same were set forth therein.

1. An order or request in writing is required of the lot owner or authorized funeral director before a grave is to be opened, giving the name, age, sex, date of decease, and location of grave in reference to the lot.

2. All grading, landscape work and improvements of any kind, and all trees and shrubs moved, and herbage of any kind, with the **exception of planting grass**, shall

be planted, trimmed, cut or removed only by the City of Tifton. The planting of grasses on the lot shall be left to the lot owner as to the type of grass to be planted, same planted at cost to the lot owner. Permanent planting of shrubs, flowers, etc., is made by the City and further planting may be permitted only at the discretion of the property committee of the City of Tifton. The whole cemetery is to be landscaped, and to keep it uniform it is necessary that all plantings shall be under the control of the City of Tifton, including the following additional care: removal of rubbish when necessary, raking and cutting of grass, trimming of trees and shrubbery, and other care that City may deem necessary. The ownership of rights of interment in lots does not convey any right to do planting, etc., without the express approval of the proper officials of the City. The City retains control and supervision of all lots that are sold and the City retains the right to enter upon any lot and prohibit, modify, or remove any structure, object, improvement on such lot which has been placed thereon subsequent to the adoption of these rules and regulations and which may be considered objectional or injurious to the lot, adjoining lots or the cemetery in general.

3. The City of Tifton reserves the right to remove all cut flowers and pot plants that may be dead or otherwise objectional.

4. The right to lay, maintain, operate or alter, or change pipe lines and gutters for sprinkling systems, drainage, etc., is also expressly reserved as well as its right to use said land for cemetery purposes.

5. All persons are prohibited from gathering flowers, either wild or cultivated, or breaking trees, shrubbery or plants, or disturbing birds or other wildlife in the cemetery.

6. No signs or notices or advertisements of any kind shall be allowed in the cemetery unless placed by the City.

7. The City shall not be liable and distinctly disclaims all responsibility for the loss or damage to property or rights of lot owners arising from causes beyond its control, and especially from damages caused by the elements and acts of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots, or order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral.

8. No memorial such as family marker,

grave marker, slab, or corner post, shall be placed in cemetery, either on grave or lot, unless same is made of marble, granite or bronze. In the event of corner posts or name plates, same shall be placed flush with the finished grade of the surrounding ground.

(b) the top of the vault or container holding a body shall be placed at least twelve inches below the finished grade of the surrounding ground.

(c) No coping, curbing, fencing, hedging, grave mounds, borders, or enclosures of any kind shall be allowed around any lot except in accordance with all the following rules:

(1) Coping must be a minimum four inches wide and six inches high;

(2) Soil must be treated with weed sterilant;

(3) Coping joints must be flush;

(4) When butting up to existing coping, joints will be flush;

(5) Coping will be anchored at least every five feet, not to exceed natural ground;

(6) Inside coping will be a minimum of two inches concrete and a minimum of two inches loose gravel;

(7) Disturbed area around outside of coping will be dressed out with top soil;

(8) All work and material shall be at the expense of the lot owner; and

(9) Notification shall be required to the City park and cemetery department prior to proceeding.

(d) While the City will exercise all possible care to protect raised lettering, carving or ornaments on any memorial or their structure on any lot, it disclaims any responsibility and shall not be liable for any damage or injury thereto.

9. No loose gravel shall be allowed on any lot. The City reserves the right to remove such gravel so placed, other than gravel placed inside coped areas.

10. All grave sites must be marked within 90 days of burial with markers made of either bronze, granite or marble.

11. Only two lots will be sold to any one person and in the event of sale of either lot before the same is used, it must be offered to the City of Tifton, and if the City refuses said lot, it may be sold to an individual at a price not exceeding the original price plus two percent per annum as interest on the money so invested.

12. The location of any lots referred to in these rules and regulations of said cemetery may be found by reference to a plat on file in the office of the City Manager.



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