

Chapter 9

Cemetery

Section 9-1 Establishment

It is the intent of the governing body of the city that the city cemetery be maintained in an orderly manner. In order to control the appearance and allow proper maintenance, to promote the public health, safety, and welfare, certain rules and regulations are required.

Section 9-2 Maintenance policy.

- A. No trees, shrubs, or any other plants may be planted or otherwise permanently affixed in or on any:
 - Grave site or lots in the cemetery without the consent of the city council; and
 - Property within the bounds of the cemetery that is not part of a deeded grave site or deeded lot without the consent of the city council.
- B. No burials or interments may occur in a manner other than that allowed by State or Federal law;
- C. No above-ground crypts or mausoleums may be constructed or installed without the consent of the city council; and
- D. Temporary ornaments, flowers, flags, or other symbols of respect or remembrance may be placed on any grave site at any time, provided that such items are placed at risk, and the city assumes no responsibility for any loss or damage that may occur.

Section 9-3 Snow removal.

Snow removal shall be authorized only when all of the surrounding grave markers and headstones are openly visible. This condition is rationally related to the prevention of damage to the grave markers and headstones by the operation of snow removal equipment.

All costs and expenses resulting from the removal of snow for the burial shall be paid by the decedent's family. If the family does not pay for any reason, then a claim shall be filed against the decedent's estate for such costs.

Section 9-4 Casket enclosure.

All coffins must be enclosed in a steel, concrete, or other approved burial vault.