

Rules, Regulations and Specifications of St. John's Cemetery of Fayetteville, Texas

I INTRODUCTION

The St. John's Cemetery of Fayetteville, TX is operated and maintained by the Cemetery Committee, which functions under the supervision and guidance of the Pastor of St. John Catholic Church of Fayetteville, Texas and the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Austin, Texas.

II SIZE OF LOTS AND GRAVE SPACES

1. Sections A, B, C and D shall be divided into lots of 20 feet by 30 feet, each containing twelve grave spaces.
2. All adult grave spaces shall be 5 feet by 10 feet.
3. Section G, originally designated as infant grave spaces of the cemetery shall be 4 feet by 6 feet. These smaller spaces may be used for interment of cremated remains or other needs as approved by the Cemetery Committee.
4. All grave spaces shall face East (headstone will be at the west side of the grave space).

III INTERMENT RIGHTS OF GRAVE SPACES

An individual may purchase interment rights for him/herself or another individual. The price of which is listed separately and subject to change. **THE 'DEED' IS FOR RIGHT OF INTERMENT IN OUR CEMETERY, IT IS NOT A PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY.**

1. Payment must be received from the purchaser (referred to as "Grantee") in advance to secure interment rights of grave or grave spaces.
 - The name of the person to be interred (referred to as "Named-Reserved") must be assigned to each grave space at the time of purchase and use of the grave space will be restricted to that person.
 - The Grantee **MAY NOT** sell or transfer interment rights of a grave space. This restriction also applies to the Named-Reserved.
 - a. If the Grantee wishes, the Cemetery Committee (referred to as "Grantor") may purchase back an **"unaltered"** grave space or niche at the original price paid for the space when it was purchased.
 - b. If the Grantee wishes to change the Name-Reserved that the grave space is designated, a written request must be submitted to the Cemetery Committee. The Cemetery Committee must review and approve the request prior to any changes being made. **ONLY** the Grantee may make and be granted this request.
 - Interment Rights may **NOT** be gifted or inherited. If it is determined that the grave space will not be used by the original Named-Reserved, Grantor may purchase the interment rights back at the original price (refer to "a" above).

- If a Grantee or the Named-Reserved person wish to change the location of their grave site, the parish office will make the desired change if possible, subject to a transfer fee.

IV OPENING OF GRAVES

1. The opening of an adult grave space shall not be more than 40 inches wide & 8 feet long. There shall be only one burial in each adult grave space except in the case of cremations.
2. Two cremated remains are allowed to be placed in one adult grave space.
3. No grave or niche may be opened without authorization of the Pastor and the Cemetery Committee. Opening of any grave or niche will be done only by the Cemetery Committee or an approved licensed funeral home.

V RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS

All graves markers, monuments and vaults must be placed on the grave space by the Grantee or their monument dealer. NO marker, monument or vault may be placed without the permission of the Cemetery Committee.

1. Markers for Section A, B, E, F & G
 - Surface vaults are permitted in all areas of Sections A and B.
 - a. Surface vaults & slabs are allowed only to cover single or double grave spaces.
 - No ground mausoleums may be erected.
 - The marker shall be set in the ground with a proper excavation for its size and with no foundation other than the natural packed terrain.
 - It is the responsibility of the family of the interred to place a permanent marker on the grave within twelve (12) months of interment.
 - The MAXIMUM height of all grave markers from the ground to the highest point of the marker shall be eighteen inches (18"); this will include any and all slabs, curbing, markers, etc.
 - The MAXIMUM size of all single markers shall be 3 feet long and 2 feet wide.
 - The MAXIMUM size of all double space markers shall be 6 feet long and 2 feet wide.
 - All Surface Vaults, curbing, slab, etc. will be limited in size to:
 - 9'6" X 9'6" for a double surface vault and
 - 9'6" X 4'6" for a single surface vault
2. Section C & D at St. John Cemetery (spaces to be for available in the future)
 - Only markers placed flush to the ground will be allowed. All markers shall be of a good quality must be so placed that the top or surface of the marker will be level with the ground.
 - The MAXIMUM size of all single markers shall be 3 feet long and 2 feet wide flush with the ground
 - The MAXIMUM size of all double space markers shall be 6 feet long and 2 feet wide, flush with the ground.

3. Columbarium Niches

- The price of a columbarium niche will include the
 - One- time opening/closing of the Niche for interment. Additional openings will be at the owner's expense.
 - The Niche cover-plate with basic sandblast engraving for the first interment. The font size and style will be approved by the Cemetery Committee and consistent for all niches. The number of letters will be limited.
 - (i) Engraving will not be completed until AFTER the first/only inurnment.
 - Urns must be approved size to fit in the 12"X12"X 12" niche.
 - Two cremains may be place in one niche, as long as the urns used may be properly placed in the one niche.

4. Before the erection/installation of a monument/marker, it is the responsibility of the owner, funeral home, gravedigger or monument company to notify the Cemetery Office. All funeral homes, gravediggers, monument companies, and/or persons purchasing rights of burial in any of the Cemetery Properties shall be given a copy of these Regulations and any amendments.

5. The building or erecting of any coping, fencing, hedge, ditch or enclosure of any kind or character upon or around any grave, block, lot or plot of land in the cemetery, unless specifically approved by the Cemetery Committee, is prohibited.

6. Decorative and ornamental Items:

- a. Each grave space is limited to **one (1) decorative/ornamental** (Vase or ornamental) item per grave space, limited to a height of 18" above ground level. Vases and ornamentals must be securely mounted or placed within grave space curbing, slab, or surface vault.
- b. **No** items that are not a part of the permanent monument (such as granite vases, porcelain pictures, and granite statues) are allowed. Other items **not** allowed include but are not limited to candles, decorations, trinkets, mementos, flower stands, plant hangers, wind chimes, banners, flags, balloons, bird houses, bird baths, fountains, bottles, breakable items and containers, styrofoam, paper, ribbons, and tree decorations. **Any loose items may be removed.** Items will not be stored.
- c. **Benches are not allowed on grave spaces.** If you would like to donate a bench to the cemetery, contact the Cemetery Committee for approval to have it placed in a common area for the public to utilize.

7. The Cemetery Committee will have control of all landscaping, plantings, and/or removal of any plants, bushes, shrubs or trees. No plantings or flower beds of any kind will be allowed.

8. Fresh flowers are to be removed when wilted. Artificial flowers are to be removed when faded. Funeral flowers are to be discarded after the 7th day. **No breakable containers are allowed.**

9. Trashcans at designated places are for Cemetery use only, not for personal use.

10. Gardening tools or any other loose or prohibited items left behind will be discarded by the caretaker.
11. Cemetery Perpetual Care does not include the purchase, erection, repair or replacement of monuments, headstones, markers or any other item on cemetery properties. The Cemetery Committee and their representatives are not responsible for vandalism or theft.
12. The Cemetery Committee or its representatives shall have the right to remove, and dispose of, anything and everything that may have been erected or placed on Cemetery Properties that is contrary to these Cemetery Regulations.
13. **Violations** will be corrected by the Cemetery Committee or its representatives at Named-Reserved's expense, his heir(s) or authorized representative(s). The Cemetery Committee may take legal action to recover any expenses incurred to correct violations.

THESE RULES, REGULATIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS ARE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND ANY PREVIOUS RULES, REGULATIONS OR SPECIFICATIONS CONCERNING ANY SECTION OF ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY ARE NULL AND VOID.

Respectfully compiled and approved by:

The Cemetery Committee

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