

## CHAPTER 32 CEMETERIES

3.21. Definitions. Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, terms used in this Chapter shall have the meanings set forth in this section:

- (1) "Cemetery" shall mean any public cemetery owned, managed or controlled by the City.
- (2) "Burial space" shall mean a lot or portion of lot in any cemetery designated and maintained for the interment of a human body or bodies and for no other purpose.
- (3) "Owner" shall mean any person or persons owning or possessing the privilege, license or right of interment in any burial space.
- (4) "Superintendent" shall mean the City Cemetery Superintendent.

3.22. City Cemeteries. The cemeteries which have been or may hereafter be established by the City and maintained either within or without its limits, of which plats have been or shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk, shall be under the management, supervision and care of the City Council. It shall, if necessary, cause such cemeteries to be laid out in lots, drives and walks; the lots to be numbered, drives and walks therein to be named, and plats thereof to be made. The City Council shall fix the price of lots and other services necessary thereto.

3.23. Rules and Regulations. The City Council shall, from time to time, make such rules and regulations for the burial of the dead, care, improvement and protection of the grounds, mausoleums, monuments and appurtenances of the cemeteries and orderly conduct of persons visiting the same, as may be deemed necessary. The City Council shall see that this Chapter and all rules and regulations in respect to cemeteries are strictly enforced. The City Clerk shall cause to be kept a register of all interments made in any City cemetery in which shall appear the name of the deceased, and

the date and place of interment and such other information as may be required.

3.24. Charges. All charges for lots, opening and closing of graves and similar work, laying of foundations for tombstones, and all other charges, shall be in accordance with rates established by the City Council and shall be paid to the City Clerk.

3.25. Work in Cemetery. All digging of graves, laying of foundations for tombstones and similar work, must be done only by employees of the Trustees, and no such work may be done unless the Superintendent is first furnished with a receipt from the City Clerk showing full payment of all charges in connection therewith.

3.26. Delinquent Accounts. The City Clerk shall notify the Superintendent in writing of all delinquent accounts of any funeral director, and no burials in the cemetery shall be permitted by the Superintendent to be made by any funeral director owing such accounts until the same shall have been paid in full, and the Superintendent presented with a receipt for the same from the City Clerk.

3.27. Establishing Grades. The Superintendent, with approval of the City Manager, shall establish the grade of all lots and avenues, and shall direct generally all improvements within the grounds and upon all lots before and after interments have been made therein.

3.28. Monuments. The City Council shall adopt regulations for the erection of monuments and the foundations thereof, and no monuments, headstones or other structures or embellishments may be erected or made unless they conform with said specifications, or permission therefor is granted by the Council.

3.29. Erection of Vaults. No vault or other structure above the ground, except tombstones, may be erected unless the architectural plans and location are first approved by the City Council.

3.30. Plantings. No trees, shrubs, bushes or flowers may be planted on lots, or at any place within the cemetery, unless permission is first granted by the Superintendent.

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3.31. Removal of Plantings. If the Superintendent shall deem it necessary or desirable, he may remove any trees, shrubs, bush, flower, or any other plant from any lot or any place within the cemetery.

3.32. Flower Containers. No vases, urns, flower pots, or other containers for flowers shall be placed any place within the cemetery except in accordance with regulations made by the Council, or with the permission of the Superintendent.

3.33. Rules.

- (1) No fences shall be constructed within the cemetery or around any lot except with the approval of the City Council.
- (2) No person may visit the cemetery except between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and sundown, or with the permission of the Superintendent.
- (3) No person may use boisterous or profane language, or in any other way disturb the peace, quiet and good order of the cemetery.
- (4) No person may take firearms or dogs into the cemetery.
- (5) All persons must obey the reasonable orders of the Superintendent in regard to traffic or conduct which may be necessary in connection with funerals, services, public gatherings, work, or other social activities in the cemetery, and all constables, policemen and other law enforcement officers, while on duty in the cemetery, shall be temporarily under the orders of the Superintendent.
- (6) No person may drive upon any lots or upon any lawns, or haul any heavy loads in the cemetery without the permission of the Superintendent.

3.34. Perpetual Care. The City Council shall, from time to time, establish by resolution the amounts to be paid for cemetery lots which amounts shall include a sufficient sum to provide for perpetual care of the lots so sold. The

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City may accept sums donated by any testator, trustee or other person for the care of the cemetery or any lots therein. The City shall be obligated to maintain and care for all lots in the cemetery for which perpetual care has been paid except as otherwise provided by the statutes of the State of Michigan. Any interest money available in any perpetual care fund or other cemetery fund belonging to the City shall be used for such cemetery purposes as the City Council shall determine.

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