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Hooker Cemetery

Rules & Regulations

1. All references in these rules and regulation to the Hooker Cemetery or the Cemetery shall be the Cemetery owned and operated by the City of Hooker known as the Hooker Cemetery.
2. The Cemetery is maintained for the interment of deceased persons without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, age or national origin. No interment of any body other than human being shall be allowed.
3. The term "plot" used herein means a single burial area. The term "lot" as used herein means an area containing more than one plot.
4. Funerals should be scheduled to be finished at the Cemetery by 4:00 p.m. Last cemetery site appointment will be 3:00 p.m.
5. Graves shall not be opened for interment until the City Clerk's office has determined the property owner of record or the owner's designee. The employees of the City of Hooker must perform all openings and closings of graves. For a listing of holidays, contact the City Clerk's Office. A schedule of grave service charges is as follows:
 - a. \$350 Monday – Friday
 - b. \$400 Saturday – Sunday
 - c. \$400 – Holidays
6. A minimum of forty-eight (48) hours must be allowed between requests of burial and time of service. Failure to request during that time frame will result in an extra charge of \$50.00.
7. Lots in the Cemetery shall be conveyed by a Cemetery Deed signed by the Mayor, City Clerk and purchaser.
8. The City of Hooker shall have the power to remedy and correct errors made in interments, disinterment, removals, relocations, or the description, transfer or conveyance of any lot or plot by substituting in lieu thereof a similar plot or lot of equal value and location as selected by the City of Hooker. Once a lot/plot is purchased, the City cannot buy it back. It can only be deeded back to the City of Hooker.
9. All interments are required to be in a casket or urn constructed of durable materials unless prior approval is made to the City of Hooker before burial.
10. Disinterment for removal, relocations, or transfer for any purpose will require a permit from the State health Department and approval by the City of Hooker. Disinterment



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- shall be performed according to the Oklahoma State Department of Health rules. All transfer service must be prearranged and information provided to the City of Hooker.
11. Unless under Private Care, the City of Hooker or those who are contracted under the City of Hooker, is responsible for the administration and maintenance of the Cemetery, including grass mowing and trimming, pruning of shrubs and trees, raking and cleaning of the grounds and other necessary landscape and ground maintenance. Please reference Private Care rules.
 12. The City of Hooker and contracted personnel shall not maintain or be responsible for maintenance, repair, or replacement of any memorial, marker, monument, mausoleum, bench, or any other property placed or erected upon any lot.
 13. The City of Hooker or contracted personnel shall have the authority to remove and discard any floral designs, flowers, weeds, trees, shrubs, plant, or herbage of any kind from the Cemetery as soon as, in judgement of the City of Hooker or contracted personnel, they become unsightly, dangerous, detrimental, or diseased, or when they do not conform to the rules and regulations of the flower policy.
 - a. Decoration on grave is allowed one week before Memorial Day and one week after. Flowers will have to be removed within seven (7) days after Memorial Day for maintenance purposes unless a Private Care Application has been completed.
 - b. Flowers in vases are allowed year around.
 14. Vases shall be permitted only if permanently affixed to a monument or a marker and maintained by the owner of the lot or plot. Vases shall mean containers used to hold flowers.
 15. Persons desiring to retain fresh floral designs and floral pieces shall remove them from the graves within five (5) days of burial. City employees and contracted personnel will not be responsible for any such items after their removal from a lot or plot.
 16. No planting of any nature will be permitted in the Cemetery.
 17. No owner shall remove flowers, trees, and shrubs of any type without the permission of the City of Hooker. Trees or other plants containing more than 50% dead material as determined by the City of Hooker or the contracted personnel will be removed and discarded. Those that are interfering with the headstone or monuments will be trimmed or removed.
 18. Sprinklers and hoses will be provided throughout the Cemetery for those who would like to water a lot/plot. After use, hoses and sprinklers must be rolled back up and returned to the area by the water hydrants. Over-watering lots, allowing water to run off, is prohibited.



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19. Placing of headstones in the Second Addition will be as follows:
 - a. Lots 1 through 17 face the East
 - i. The East edge of the base of the stone is to be placed 36 inches East of the West property line
 - b. Lots 18 though 34 face the West
 - i. The West edge of the base of the stone is to be placed 36 inches West of the East property line.
20. Before any monuments or stones are placed in the Cemetery, please contact City Hall at 580/652-2885 prior to setting the stone. The City Superintendent will mark the grave for monument or stone placement.
21. No gravel, brick, stone, cement or any kind of artificial walks will be allowed within the boundary of any lot or plot; and no lot or plot shall be covered with gravel, small rock, or other materials. It shall only be covered with grass.
22. No vehicle shall be permitted to drive any place within the Cemetery, except on the driveways.
23. No person shall allow a domestic animal to go upon the Cemetery property either upon a leash or at large. Domestic animals must be kept inside of vehicles while at Cemetery. No horses are allowed in the Cemetery except when participating in a funeral service, in which even horse shall be ridden only upon roads and owner must pick up after the horse.
24. No curbing, fences or slabs of any kind shall be allowed in the Second Addition.
25. Any tree, shrub, or flower growing on any lot that becomes detrimental to an adjacent lot, walk or road, or interferes with the general design of the Cemetery will be removed by the City. The City of Hooker shall have the right to trim all trees, shrubs, or flowers. Any overhang or encroachment upon walks, pathways, driveways, lots, plots, or graves created by any landscape material, flowers, shrubs, border plants, trees or by monuments or corner markers is prohibited. The City shall remove, eliminate, and discard the object which creates the overhang or encroachment.
26. Trees or plants constituting an obstruction to a burial will be removed. The City of Hooker will not be responsible for replanting or replacement of trees or plants so removed.
27. The City Council and Cemetery Board shall have the right to make additional rules and regulations as they become necessary.
28. The City of Hooker is not responsible for any accidents.