

# INFORMATION AND RULES FOR THE CEMETERY

## The Following information is for ALL SECTIONS of the Cemetery:

### Permit required for monument installation:

- A permit must be obtained from City Hall before any monument can be installed in the City Cemetery. Inspections are required by city staff to be sure foundations are installed per city specifications (as follows). Installation can only be done Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Foundation Specifications:

- A concrete apron (foundation) for the monument and/or base is required to be even with ground level and shall extend beyond the perimeter of the monument/base for a distance of four inches on all sides. The foundation must be at least thirty inches (30") in depth. The foundation will be flat across the bottom with square corners. For foundations longer than four feet there shall be one #4 reinforcing steel for each six inches of width in the longitudinal directions – two inches from the bottom of the poured concrete and two inches from the top of the poured concrete.
- Please refer to the monument and base size requirements as well as the measurement allowed for the headstone area for the Northwest Section and All Other Sections listed below. This is important information for the monument company. It is also important the monument company knows the Northwest Section requirements for the headstone to face the east.

### Flowers on Graves:

- Cemetery mowing is contracted to begin as early as March – if necessary and ends the first of November. All flowers are removed before the first mowing and again after Memorial Day (usually after June 15<sup>th</sup>) and anytime placement impedes the mowers during mowing season. Decorating for Memorial Day is allowed from approximately May 20<sup>th</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. There will be an advertisement in the Centralia Fireside Guard (local newspaper) as well as the cemetery directory designating when Memorial Day flowers can be placed on the graveside and not disturbed until June 15<sup>th</sup>. The mowing of the cemetery is the most expensive maintenance item for the cemetery and the more the mowers have to work around, the more the costs increase. You might want to consider installing vases on your monument, when purchasing it. Saddle Blankets can also be purchased to attach to the stone for decoration.
- No obstruction such as fence, tree, shrubbery, or otherwise shall be placed on grave space or lot, the purpose being to provide a uniform and flat surface for ideal mowing and maintenance. This means all items placed on the monument

must be **permanently** attached so as not to impede the mowers. No shepherd's hooks, solar lights, etc. will be allowed to be placed on the gravesite.

- The City is not responsible for any items that may be stolen from the grave site.

**Additional Requirements:**

- No footstones or cornerstones shall be allowed except those already in existence. As the existing cornerstones are heave out of the ground, they will be removed and not replaced.

**Grave Maintenance:**

- Anytime the gravesite needs maintenance, such as more dirt or foundation work, please contact the Cemetery Sexton, Kathy Colvin at 573/682-2139.

**The following information applies to the All Sections Except the Northwest Section:**

**Grave Space Measurements:**

- Each grave space measures four feet two inches (4'2") X eleven feet (11').
- 3 feet is allowed for the headspace and 8 feet for the body

**Monument and or base measurements:**

- Maximum width of a monument and/or base is twenty-eight inches (28") and forty-two inches (42") is allowed for maximum length per each grave space. (84" would be allowed in length for a joint headstone to cover two spaces)

**The following information applies to the Northwest Section Only:**

**Grave Space Measurements:**

- Each grave space measures four feet (4') X ten feet (10').
- 2 feet is allowed for the headspace and 8 feet for the body

**Monument and or base measurements:**

- Maximum width of a monument and/or base is sixteen inches (16") and forty inches (40") is allowed for maximum length per each grave space. (80" would be allowed in length for a joint headstone to cover two spaces)
- All monuments must be placed at the head of the grave (west end of the space), facing the east (rising sun) with the name, dates of birth and death placed on the east side of the monument or grave marker so it can be read from the east end of the space.

**Additional Requirements:**

- Except for cremated remains, all bodies shall be buried in a vault or in a concrete or steel liner.