

Sheridan Municipal Code

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Chapter 17 MUNICIPAL CEMETERY

17-1 Administration.

The cemetery grounds belonging to the city shall be known as the "Sheridan Municipal Cemetery," which shall be a part of the municipal park system, under the supervision of the mayor, the director of public works, and the cemetery sexton, subject to such rules and regulations as shall be adopted by the city council. (R.O. 1937, § 1211; Ord. No. 1563, § 1 (part), 9-6-83.)

17-2 Purchase of burial plots.

All burial plots within the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery shall be purchased for cash from the city clerk-treasurer at such price as shall be set from time to time by the city council. The city clerk-treasurer shall furnish the purchaser with a certificate of purchase executed by the mayor in such form as shall be approved by the city council. Single burial plots shall be sold only for immediate use. (R.O. 1937, § 1229; Ord. No. 1563, § 1 (part), 9-6-83.)

17-3 Grave markers.

All graves may be marked and identified by grave markers which shall be made of stone, concrete or metal, and which shall not exceed fourteen inches in width, and thirty inches in length for single graves, or sixty inches in length for double graves. Markers may not exceed twenty-four inches in height in the following areas of the cemetery: Sections 61, 62, and 70 through 105. Markers may be constructed to match an existing marker in the following areas of the cemetery: Sections 1-60, A, B, E, F, G, H1, H, I, O, P, Q, R1, R, and S. Any markers, other than the identifying grave marker, which are placed upon the grave shall be set flush with the ground surface. (R. O. 1937, § 1212; Ord. No. 1563, § 1 (part), 9-6-83; Ord. No. 1643, § 1, 8-17-87; Ord. No. 1911, § 1, 11-4-02.)

17-4 Marker bases.

All grave markers shall be centered, set and affixed upon either a poured-in-place or pre-cast concrete base which shall be twenty-four inches in width, four inches thick, and shall extend across the full width of the grave. Markers in excess of forty-eight inches in height shall meet and conform to enhanced specifications, as required by the Public Works Director. Said base shall be parallel to and flush with the ground surface, and shall front upon a common base line to be established by the city. (R. O. 1937, § 1231; Ord. No. 1563, § 1 (part), 9-6-83; Ord. No. 1643, § 2, 8-17-87; Ord. No. 1911, § 2, 11-4-02.)

17-5 Other structures.

No monuments, mausoleums, vaults, or structures other than approved grave markers may be erected or placed upon any burial plots within the cemetery, except in such areas of the cemetery as may hereafter be designated and approved for such purpose by the city council. (R. O. 1937, § 1232; Ord. No. 1429, § 1.23, 11-6-78; Ord. No. 1563, § 1 (part), 9-6-83.)

17-6 Required grave liners.

All burials, except for infants and cremated remains, shall be in permanent-type grave liners constructed of concrete, fiberglass or steel. (R. O. 1937, § 1218; Ord. No. 1563, § 1 (part), 9-6-83.)

17-7 Opening graves.

No burial plot within the cemetery shall be opened except under the direction of the city. (R.O. 1937, §§ 1223, 1226; Ord. No. 1563, § 1 (part), 9-6-83.)

17-8 Maintenance damage—City not liable.

The city shall not be liable for any damages which may result to any burial plot, or any grave marker or other structure thereon, which may result from the mowing, watering, or other required care being furnished by the city. (R. O. 1937, § 1228; Ord. No. 1563, § 1 (part), 9-6-83.)

17-9 Prohibited plantings, enclosures and decorations.

No trees, shrubs or hedging, nor any coping, curbing, or enclosure of any nature, nor any iron or wire work, shall be planted, constructed, placed or allowed to remain upon any burial plot; and no flowers or plants shall be placed thereon except in approved receptacles on, or immediately adjacent to, the marker base. No glass receptacles will be allowed. (R. O. 1937, § 1227; Ord. No. 1563, § 1 (part), 9-6-83.)

17-10 Monthly report by sexton.

The sexton shall make a written report to the mayor on or before the tenth of each month showing all burials and their particular location during the preceding calendar month. (R. O. 1937, § 1220; Ord. No. 1563, § 1 (part), 9-6-83.)

17-11 Work within the cemetery.

Persons engaged in work within the cemetery shall not attach ropes or other equipment to other structures or trees within the cemetery, nor scatter material or rubbish over adjacent plats, streets or walkways, or leave such material or rubbish on the ground longer than is absolutely necessary. Such persons are required to complete their work as soon as possible, and to remove their rubbish and waste material immediately after their work is completed. Such persons will be held responsible for any damage done by them to other monuments, structures, grass, trees or other objects whatsoever in the cemetery. (R. O. 1937, § 1233; Ord. No. 1563, § 1 (part), 9-6-83.)

17-12 Damaging property.

Picking flowers, or damaging trees, plants or other property in the cemetery is strictly prohibited. (R. O. 1937, § 1221; Ord. No. 1563, § 1 (part), 9-6-83.)

17-13 Vehicles in cemetery.

Except for normal maintenance equipment, no person shall drive or ride any vehicle of any nature, including bicycles, upon the burial plots, lawns or walks within the cemetery; and any persons violating this section shall be responsible for any damage done by them, or by the animals or vehicles in their charge. (R. O. 1937, § 1219; Ord. No. 1563, § 1 (part), 9-6-83.)

17-14 Minors in cemetery.

It is unlawful for any person to be in or on the city cemetery grounds between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. (R. O. 1937, § 1219; Ord. No. 1563, § 1 (part), 9-6-83; Ord. No. 1896, 2-4-02.)

17-15 Work permits.

A work permit may be issued by the city clerk to any person sixteen years or under provided that the application is made in writing to the city clerk by the owner or agent of the owner of the grave area to be cared for by the applicant, describing the grave area and specifically stating the name of the plot, such permits to be issued only for the months of May, June, July and August. (R. O. 1937, § 1222; Ord. No. 1563, § 1 (part), 9-6-83.)