

Vernon Cemetery

Rules

ARTICLE 1

Adopted by City Council - - 2009

Hours:

Vernon Cemetery shall be open to the public during daylight hours. Vehicles and pedestrians are prohibited during the hours of darkness. Normal work hours for cemetery personnel will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Employees not expected to work on Sundays or Holidays.

Employees of Vernon Cemetery are not expected to work on Sundays or Holidays, except when absolutely necessary in the preservation of order, and as specified in the rules and regulations.

Work to be done on order of Public Works Director

Employees of Vernon Cemetery are not permitted to do any work for lot owners or visitors except upon the order of the Public Works Director, but they are required to be civil and courteous to everyone entering the cemetery.

Fees payable to whom.

All fees or charges for service are payable to the office of the City Clerk as herein stated, and patrons of the cemetery shall not pay any fee or gratuity to any employee.

Spaces to be used only for burial of the dead.

Grave spaces shall be used for no other purpose than the burial of the human dead.

Placing of Wreaths, etc.

Permission will be granted for funeral homes and individuals to place wreaths, flowers, and temporary plants on graves for funerals and holidays. If temporary items have not been removed by family members within 5 days cemetery personnel shall remove the items. No planting of shrubs, flowers, trees, or the like shall be permitted, and no articles whatsoever shall be placed upon the surface of said grave spaces except as herein specifically set out.

Owners not to erect monuments or mausoleums, etc.

Grave space owners shall not create or erect any improvements, monuments, markers, or otherwise install anything upon any grave space. The City of Coweta does not install memorial markers. Private mausoleums or above ground burial sites within Vernon Cemetery is prohibited.

Enclosures and grave mounds prohibited.

Enclosures of any kind, such as fence, coping, hedge, ditch, or the like, shall not be permitted on or around any grave, space, or lot. Grave mounds of any description are prohibited. No grave or grave space shall be raised above the established grade of surrounding terrain.

Benches, etc., prohibited.

Benches, urns, boxes, shells, or other similar articles of any description, being inconsistent with the intended usage of the cemetery and which prohibit the mowing and general maintenance and care of the cemetery, are prohibited, and such articles, if found upon the above premises, shall be forthwith removed.

Notice or intent to bury.

Forty-Eight (48) hour notice is required prior to any interment.

One interment per grave space.

No more than one interment shall be permitted in a single grave space, except by special permission in exceptional cases as approved by the City of Coweta.

Disinterment.

No disinterment shall be made without consent of the City of Coweta. Persons requesting disinterment must procure proper permits prior to request.

Lots to be paid for before burial, etc.

No interment shall be made in any lot unless the same is paid for, including the charge for opening and closing the place of interment. Should the interment be made in any space upon the faith of an insufficient or forged or false check, draft or other by fraud, then the City of Coweta shall have the right to remove such body to a single interment space in any lot it may select in Vernon Cemetery, separate and apart from the original interment. Charges will be assessed for removal and re-interment.

Charges to be paid in advance.

All charges for the purchase price of actual spaces for interment and removal fees or for foundation charges or other work or services for which charges are made, shall be paid in advance and before the services are performed.

Time of burials.

Funerals will be accepted in the cemetery between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on Mondays through Saturday. An extra service fee will be charged for Saturday funerals.

Sunday and holiday funerals.

Sunday and holiday funerals are not allowed without permission from the City Manager. An extra service fee will be charged for Sunday, and holiday services if permitted.

Vaults to be used.

In order to maintain a high standard of care and to eliminate sunken graves caused by the collapse of wooden boxes, and to give peace of mind to the remaining bereaved families, burials must be made in vaults, which may be procured from any source, provided they meet the established specifications.

Memorial Day Decorations to be removed.

All decorations and vases shall be removed within seven (7) days after Memorial Day.

Grave Blankets.

Grave blankets are permitted during the months of November through February. Grave blankets will be removed by the City of Coweta and disposed of without notice during the months of March through October.

To enter on Drives.

Entry upon the cemetery premises shall be made by use of the drives provided and indicated upon the plat recorded in connection herewith.

Intoxicating liquor; Firearms.

No person or persons carrying intoxicating liquors or under the influence thereof, or in any way disorderly will be permitted within the cemetery premises. No person bearing firearms shall be admitted, except in the proper functions of military funerals. No person shall bring into the cemetery, or display therein, any sign or other advertising device.

City to consent to conveyance of grave spaces.

The transfer or conveyance of any grave space shall be and is hereby made subject to the written approval and consent of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma, as a condition precedent.

Employees to enforce regulations, etc.

The employees of the City of Coweta shall, in the exercise of the city's function of caretaker, enforce all of the restrictions, limitations, and conditions in this instrument or in the plat of the said lands set out, together with any and all other or further rules, regulations, or ordinances promulgated by the City of Coweta in furtherance of its corporate functions. The City of Coweta, through its proper employees or officers, shall supervise any and all workmen, visitors, and vehicles. Any person violating restrictions, limitations, conditions, rules, regulations, resolutions, or ordinances shall be removed or otherwise excluded from the Vernon Cemetery, upon such occasions and under such circumstances as said employees or officers shall deem expedient and proper.

Perpetual maintenance; regulations.

All lots sold are subject to perpetual maintenance, and also subject to all reasonable rules and regulations now existing, or which may be hereafter adopted to meet conditions hereafter arising.

Memorial Markers.

No more than one memorial marker and one footstone marker will be permitted on each grave space. Special corner markers are installed under special permit of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma, and shall be installed by the City of Coweta, but at the sole expense of the grave space owner; and the same shall be of granite or bronze construction, and set flush with the surface. No mausoleum or similar structure shall be permitted.

Liability of the City of Coweta.

The City of Coweta, neither assumes nor accepts any responsibility for the loss of items placed on graves or damage to graves, markers, and footstones. Replacement or repair of such items will be at the expense of the lot owner.

Article 2. Acts Prohibited, etc.

Acts prohibited within cemetery.

It shall be unlawful to ride or drive through any municipally-owned cemetery except on the driveways therein, and at a speed of more than fifteen miles per hour. It is unlawful for any person not acting in line of duty or within his own rights, to injure or remove any tree, shrub, or plant, or ornament on any grave, or any fence, curbing or railing around any grave lot or part of lot, or to remove any ornament at any grave.

Ordinances of city extended to cemeteries.

The ordinances of the City of Coweta are hereby extended to all City of Coweta owned cemeteries which may exist outside the corporate limits of the City of Coweta and shall be in full effect therein insofar as they are applicable.

Article 3. Charges

Council may fix.

Except when such charges are fixed by ordinance, the council by motion or resolution shall fix charges to be made for opening and closing graves, setting markers, and other cemetery services. The schedule of charges shall be subject to inspection in the city clerk's office.

Article 4. Penalty.

Penalty.

Any person who violates any provision of this chapter, shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00), or by imprisonment in jail for not more than thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day upon which a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.