

REGULATIONS FOR CEDAR CREEK CEMETERY

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1. LOT CARE AND IMPROVEMENTS

The use of cemetery lots shall be subject to the following regulations:

- 1) The City is not responsible for the repair and maintenance of monuments, markers, curbing, urns or other structures erected upon any cemetery lot; nor will the City be responsible for the theft or vandalism of flowers, vases, urns, benches, monuments, markers or other articles or structures on any lots.
- 2) Any general landscaping and planting will be done by the City.
- 3) No trees, shrubs or foliage may be planted by non-City personnel. The City shall have the right to remove any trees, shrubs or foliage at any time at its discretion without notice.
- 4) Funeral décor shall be removed within two weeks following a burial or commemoration of Memorial Day or Veterans Day. The City may remove any funeral designs, hanging decorations in trees, shepherd's hooks, floral arrangements, dried or artificial flowers or plants as appropriate at its discretion without notice. Decor shall be placed within the footprint of the base.
- 5) No open holes shall be made in concrete for the purpose of placing flowers. If a vase is used, it shall be of the inverted style and be affixed as part of the footprint of the base.
- 6) No grave frames may be constructed in any section of the cemetery. Old frames that have begun to deteriorate crack or settle may be removed by the City.
- 7) No fencing, coping, railing, or embankments may be used on any lot to define a gravesite. No lot or portion thereof may be filled above the established surrounding grade.
- 8) Concrete posts no larger than 4" x 4" may be used as corner markers for lots, if they are placed flush with or below the grade of the lot.
- 9) All monuments shall be set back at least 1' from all lot edges.
- 10) All monuments, including flush markers, shall be placed on an adequate concrete base at least 6" thick with rebar. The base shall extend out from the monument by at least 6" all around and flush with grade except the flush markers.
- 11) If a second monument is placed on a gravesite, the second monument must be ground level. Third monuments on a gravesite are not permitted.
- 12) Any monument over 8" in height shall not be secured to the slab.
- 13) Granite or marble seats may be placed on a lot, only if prior approval of the City has been obtained and the seat is not on top of a grave, and shall be placed on a solid concrete slab at least 6" thick with rebar.
- 14) No monuments shall be constructed of any material except granite, marble and bronze without prior approval of the City.
- 15) No mausoleum may be constructed or placed on any lot without prior approval of the City in writing.
- 16) No monuments except those flush with the ground and no trees, shrubs or foliage shall be allowed in Section P of the cemetery.

- 17) All lot sales made by the City are final. The City will not buy back or assist in the sale of previously sold lots. Individuals wishing to sell previously purchased lots may do so at their own expense. The City shall receive a copy of a bill of sale or proof of transfer of deed at the time of sale.
- 18) Veterans' lots in the veterans' section or elsewhere in the cemetery shall be sold at no cost to veterans; proof of honorable discharge is required before an interment agreement will be issued for a lot. Opening/closing costs at the time of burial will be at no cost. Spouses are the only family members of veterans permitted to be buried in the veterans' section, either in the form of cremains in the same lot, or next to the veterans' lot in a casket or as cremains at the regular lot cost. Opening and closing costs apply for spouse burials. No other family members shall be permitted for burial in the veterans' section-

II. GRAVE OPENINGS

- 1) All requests to open a grave shall be made at least two (2) working days in advance. The City reserves the right to deny requests for after-hours and holiday burials in its sole discretion.
- 2) Graves shall be opened, filled or sodded only by the City.
- 3) The maximum number of burials is three (3) per lot, in the form of one (1) full burial and two (2) cremains; three (3) or more cremains are not permitted in a single lot. Full burials must be the first burial in the lot.
- 4) All fees shall be as set forth in Section 3-1 of the City of Montrose Regulations Manual. Grave opening/closing fees cannot be collected at the time of a lot sale unless a burial is scheduled concurrently. All fees shall be paid in full prior to the time of burial. The fee schedule in effect at the time payment is made shall apply. Grave openings may be authorized solely by the lot owner or designee. Proof of ownership and other identification may be required to verify authorization.
- 5) For disinterment of full burials within the cemetery, and for reburials of disinterment from other locations, written permission of the applicable County Clerk must be obtained.
- 6) All vaults shall be constructed of fiberglass, steel, or concrete unless otherwise approved in writing by the City. All vaults, other than fiberglass, must be placed in the gravesite by the mortuary and the cemetery sexton must be notified 24 hours in advance when a concrete vault is to be used. A vault is required in all cases, except for the burial of cremains. A lowering device for full burial must be provided by the mortuary.
- 7) No lots or burials shall be allowed in the Potter's Field area.
- 8) No burials shall take place on Sundays or City-recognized holidays. When a holiday falls on a Saturday, it is observed on the preceding Friday. When a holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday is observed.
- 9) No animal burials are permitted.
- 10) An additional fee shall be charged for Saturdays, and burials requiring hours worked beyond the normal working day, i.e. after 4:00 p.m. on weekdays.

III. MINIMUM GRAVE DEPTHS

- 1) Adults and children - 5 feet.
- 2) Infants - 3 ½ feet.
- 3) Cremains – 24”

IV. LOT PRICES

All fees for the sale of lots shall be set forth in the fee schedule located in the Montrose City Regulations Manual 3-1 with the exception of lots sold to veterans, which are conveyed at no cost to veterans.

V. GRAVE OPENING FEES FOR BURIALS

All fees shall be set in Section 3-1 of the City of Montrose Regulations Manual

Cemetery:	\$500.00 lot sale (includes perpetual care)
	\$575.00 open/close
	\$200.00 open/close cremains
	\$300.00 open/close two sets of cremains at one time in one lot
	\$175.00 additional fee for Saturdays or weekdays after 4:00 p.m.
	\$100.00 additional fee for Saturdays or weekdays after 4:00 p.m. - Cremains
Columbarium:	\$350.00 niche space
	\$100.00 open/close
	\$100.00 additional fee for Saturdays or weekdays after 4:00 p.m.

VI. GRAVE OPENING FEES FOR DISINTERMENTS

\$2,000.00 disinterment
\$500.00 disinterment cremains

VII. RECORDS

The City shall maintain records of grave locations, names, and dates of birth and death of the deceased. The City shall also maintain records of lots sold by the City and lots available for sale from the City.

VIII. COLUMBARIUM REGULATIONS

The use of the Columbarium lot spaces shall be subject to the following regulations:

- 1) All fees for the sale of Columbarium lot spaces shall be set in Section 3-1 of the City of Montrose Regulations Manual.
- 2) No more than two cremains may be placed in any Columbarium lot space. Urns must be of a standard size and fit in an 11 ½ square niche. Columbarium niche size is 1’ Wide x 1’ High x 11” Deep.
- 3) Plaques on the Columbarium lot space must be specified by the City of Montrose and must be purchased by the owner of the lot space or his representatives through the City of Montrose. The cost of the plaque shall be the actual cost of the plaque to the City of Montrose.
- 4) No decorations, memorial items or flowers may be placed on the Columbarium. Flowers may be placed on the ground near the Columbarium.

- 5) All fees for the opening and close of the Columbarium lot space shall be as set in Section 3-1 of the City of Montrose Regulations Manual.
- 6) All requests to open a niche shall be made at least two (2) working days in advance. The City reserves the right to deny requests for after-hours and holiday openings at its sole discretion.
- 7) Opening/closing fees cannot be collected at the time of a columbarium lot sale unless an inurnment is scheduled concurrently. All fees shall be paid in full prior to the time of inurnment. The fee schedule in effect at the time payment is made shall apply. Openings may be authorized solely by the columbarium lot owner or designee. Proof of ownership and other identification may be required to verify authorization.
- 8) Columbarium lot space disinterment fees shall be as set in Section 3-1 of the City of Montrose Regulations Manual.
- 9) The City shall maintain records of Columbarium lot space locations, as well as names, and dates of birth and death of the deceased. The City shall also maintain records of columbarium lot spaces sold by the City, and columbarium lot spaces available for sale from the City.

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

Cemetery hours are dawn to dusk.

Suspicious activity in Cedar Creek Cemetery should be reported immediately to law enforcement at 911 or 970.249.9110.

Driving on the cemetery turf is not permitted.

For Cedar Creek Cemetery inquires, contact the City of Montrose City Clerk's office at 970.240.1430. Information about burials, headstones, lots may also be found online at www.cityofmontrose.org/cemetery.

These regulations repeal all previously adopted cemetery regulations.

Title 6 Chapter 2 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose regarding animal control regulations.
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6-2-5: ANIMALS PROHIBITED

It shall be unlawful for the owner or Custodian of any Animal to possess or allow that Animal on the premises of Cemeteries, Sports Fields, and nongrass playgrounds owned and maintained by the City, or for the owner or Custodian to possess or allow any Animal within the premises of any special event hosted within the City where posted any Animal is not permitted, unless specifically authorized by the City Manager or his .designee.