



Current Cemetery Rules (As listed on Lot Deed)

The grantee shall not sell, convey, or transfer the said lot without the consent of the Cemetery Commission.

All internment in lots shall be restricted to members of the family or relatives of the lot owners, and no disinterment will be allowed without the permission of the Cemetery Commission and either the lot owner or next of kin of the deceased.

No lot shall be filled above the established grade, except to finish grade with a completed lot curb, which shall have been approved by the Commission, and no mounds shall be allowed over graves.

No ironwork in either fence, seat, or vases will be allowed except by permission of the Commission and such objects shall be removed when rust occurs.

No trees growing within any lot shall be removed or trimmed without the consent of the Commission, and no shrubs or other planting, than grass shall be placed on any lot without the written consent of the Cemetery Commission.

No coping or curb of any kind for individual lot is believed desirable but may be placed if the plans is secured from the Commission, and such curb shall not extend over 6 inches above the natural surface on the high side and 18 inches above the surface on the low side of the lot.

Every foundation for a monument or marker shall be at least as long and as wide as the stone resting upon it, and shall extend at least 24 inches below the grade for the monument, and 18 inches for the marker. When it is necessary to set either the monument or grave over a grave the footing shall have sufficient overlap on each side of the grave to prevent settlement and tilting. When the footing is extended more than 4 inches out from the base stone it shall be so formed as to provide at least 6 inches of cover of earth. In all instances the top of the concrete footing should finish at least 1-½ inches below the grade to conceal the joint. Footing shall be poured with class "C" or better concrete

and when sprawls are added the same shall be completely embedded in grout throughout. The surface of the footing shall be level and have a smooth float finish. Plans for footings of monuments exceeding 4 feet in height shall be approved by the Cemetery Superintendent or City Engineer. The caretaker of the cemetery is directed to inspect the stakeout, excavation and construction of all foundations for monuments and markers and to call on the Cemetery Superintendent or City Engineer for their inspection and approval when such appears desirable. Although no restrictions are set forth limiting the size for the monuments and markers the following sizes are believed to be in keeping with present practice:

WHEREAS, the Cemetery Commission of Oakdale Cemetery has, in writing, recommended the amending of Section 7 of the deeds of the City of Mount Airy to cemetery lots in Oakdale Cemetery, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is of the opinion that the recommendations are sound and ought to be adopted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the following restrictions and conditions shall apply to Sections 17, 18 and 21 in lieu of size of monuments heretofore required

A. Monuments – Maximum size.

1. Four or six- grave lots – 2'8" high X 5'0" long X 10" thick resting on a stone base 24" wide X 7" long X 8" thick.
2. Eight-grave lots (Two four-grave lots together) – Maximum length 8'

B. Markers – Maximum size for each grave.

1. 14" wide X 26" long X 4" above grade, 1 ½" beveled to the front to give front depth above natural grade of 4".
2. Standard size 24" X 12" recommended

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following restriction shall apply to Sections 19 and 22 in lieu of restrictions applying to other sections of the cemetery:

- A. Monuments are prohibited.
- B. Markers –maximum size for each grave - 14" wide X 26" long X 4" above grade.
- C. Single marker for two graves – maximum size 13" wide X 60" long.

The above amendment was unanimously adopted in regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners held November 3, 1959.

All monuments and markers shall be constructed of cut stone on which real bronze may be affixed, which does not permit the use of any other artificial material. On 15' X 25' or greater, perimeter lots monuments and curbing of special design and size may be erected. The position and arrangement of monuments and markers on lots should conform to the layout plan prepared by the City and described as follows: Monuments are to be centrally located on four-grave lots, preferably on the back four feet of the 15' X 25' or larger lots, on which markers may be placed at the head of graves, and markers only may be placed at the head of single and double grave lots, and at the outside head and foot respectively of graves, on four grave lots on which the monument is centrally located.

No mausoleum shall be built on any lot or other than such lot as been designed and designated for such purpose on the original plat of the cemetery development, that is, the 15' X 25', or greater, perimeter lots, and such mausoleum should be constructed of watertight materials not subject to

decay and the plans approved by the Commission, who will judge its worth and acceptability as an architectural ornament.

Material for the construction or installation of any approved curb, monument or marker shall not remain in the cemetery longer than is strictly necessary and refuse or unused material must be removed promptly upon completion of the work and such removal may be accomplished by the Cemetery Superintendent at the lot owner's and contractor's expense, they being severally responsible, in the case of neglect, and no material is to be received at the cemetery after twelve noon on Saturday. Contractors setting monumental stone shall provide suitable means of conveying stone and other materials to the lot in question without damage to other lots or to walks. Under no circumstances will trucks be permitted to drive across cemetery lots.

It shall be the duty and right of the Cemetery Commission with the approval of the City Council, to alter avenues, and walks not affecting prior interment, and make such rules and regulations, or make exceptions in the foregoing regulations which they consider as permitting exceptional artistic or ornamental contributions to the cemetery, and as they may deem necessary and properly calculated to promote the general object of the cemetery, but such exception or change shall not be construed as rescinding any restriction.

The Superintendent is directed to enforce the above regulations and to exclude from the cemetery any person willfully violating same, and no workmen other than employees of the cemetery will be admitted to the cemetery except for the purpose of setting stone work according to these regulations, or to do work for which proper approval has been obtained.

The Commission in justice to all in the exercise of the right given them by law require an endowment deposit to be placed in trust to provide perpetual maintenance for each lot purchased, and may act to exclude or remove from any lot any headstone, monument, or other structure, tree, plant or other object which may conflict with the regulations, or which they shall consider injurious to the general appearance of the grounds, but such removal shall be at the expense of the lot owner only when the object to be removed has been placed by an act of the owner.

This also includes Endowment of said lots for permanent maintenance a part of the purchase price being set up in trust for this purpose.

