

CHAPTER 16

CEMETERIES

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SECTION 16.1 RULES FOR INTERMENT

No deceased person shall be interred in a municipal cemetery unless:

- (1) A burial permit has been obtained from the Clerk;
- (2) Full payment has been received for the burial lot;
- (3) The person arranging for the burial has a right to the use of the lot;
- (4) The lot is not used beyond its capacity; and
- (5) Proper record is made of the name and age of the deceased person and of the exact location of the grave.

SECTION 16.2 LOT VALUATION

(a) The Mayor and Board shall place a value on all unsold lots in municipal cemeteries and have the valuations recorded on an official map or plan thereof, to be filed in the office of the Clerk;

(b) Lots may be purchased on an installment plan, as established by the Mayor and Board.

SECTION 16.3 RECORDS OF OWNERSHIP

The Clerk shall keep full and complete records of the ownership of all municipal cemetery lots, of the burial capacity of each lot, sold and unsold, of the location of each grave and the names of the persons buried therein and the date of burial of each.

SECTION 16.4 CEMETERY ACCOUNTS

The Clerk shall keep full and detailed accounts of cemetery receipts and expenditures.

SECTION 16.5 DIGGING OF GRAVES

(a) No person shall dig graves in the municipal cemeteries unless authorized by the Mayor and Board.

(b) Any person digging graves in a municipal cemetery must remove all unused or surplus dirt, rocks and other materials from the cemetery so to leave the lots and walks or roads in good condition.

SECTION 16.6 RESTRICTIONS

It shall be unlawful and a misdemeanor for any person or persons other than municipal officials, employees or police officers to be within the cemeteries except during daylight hours. And it shall be unlawful for any person to have or carry any firearms within the cemeteries without the written permission of the chief of police, provided, however, that this provision shall not apply in cases of military funerals and exercises on Memorial Day. No vehicles shall be driven within the cemetery except on roads designated for that purpose. This provision, however, shall not apply to vehicles used by the chief of police and workmen. No person except the owner of the lot or a cemetery employee shall cut, remove, injure, or carry away any flowers, shrubs, or plants from any lot and no person shall deface, injure, or mark upon any markers or headstones, monuments or other structures and no person other than the owner shall remove, destroy or carry away vases, flowers, pots, urns or other objects which have been placed on any lot or grave. No person shall consume or possess intoxicants within the cemeteries, and no person shall enter the cemeteries while intoxicated.

SECTION 16.7 ENFORCEMENT

The mayor is hereby empowered to enforce the provisions of this code relating to cemeteries and waterworks in the area within five (5) miles of the corporate limits.