

## Magnolia Cemetery Rules and Regulations

### Rules for Visitors

- The cemetery grounds will be open to the public, typically from sun-up to sundown daily.
- **The following is expressly prohibited:**
  - Loud or boisterous talking
  - Idling or loafing on the grounds
  - No Dogs allowed
  - The driving of vehicles through the gates, or in the cemetery at a speed greater than 10 mph .
  - Driving any vehicles across or upon any grave, lot or lawn or parking or leaving the same thereon.
  - No lot shall be used for any other purpose than for the burial of the human dead.
  - Firearms will be allowed in the cemetery for a military funeral only

### Interments & Disinterments

- The cemetery will open for interments from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm daily.
- No bodies shall be buried or interred within or on any lot in the cemetery unless previous arrangements have been made with and permission given by the cemetery. A deed or Vital Statistics record must be on file with the Cemetery Manager prior to any burial.
- If cemetery management receives direction from a lot owner or funeral home to open a grave site, and then a change is made after the site is opened, an additional charge will be assessed to the owner or funeral home making the initial request.
- Cemetery management will meet with the family to determine the location of the burial. Management will work with the funeral home making the final arrangements for burial.
- The cemetery will designate the party opening and closing the grave so that the cemetery grounds are impacted as little as possible.
- Lots shall not be used for any other purpose than the burial of human remains and shall be for members of the family only, except where written permission of the owner is filed with the Cemetery board. Graves shall be located on the lot by the owner of the lot, who is expected to keep a clear record of such interments. The interment of two bodies in one grave is not permitted, except in case of mother and infant or twin children, or two children buried at the same time or in the case of burial of cremated remains. A sectional concrete box or equivalent type of permanent box or container constructed so as to prevent the possibility of collapse thereof shall be required for all burials. Graves will be re-opened for inspection only for investigation.

- The cemetery will not be liable for the interment permits nor for the identity of the person sought to be interred.
- Disinterments will be made in the manner prescribed by the Laws of the State of Texas.
- Burials shall be on lots of sufficient size to accommodate the burial. Size of lot shall be determined by cemetery management. In cremation burials, urns are permitted to be placed in the lot area occupied by a casket burial if sufficient space is remaining for the urn burial.

### **Lot Care**

- Perpetual care shall include the cutting of grass at reasonable intervals, the raking and cleaning of the grounds, and the pruning of shrubs and trees that may be placed by the management.
- The general care or perpetual care assumed by Magnolia Cemetery shall in no case mean the maintenance, repair, or replacement of any memorial, tomb, or mausoleum placed or erected upon lots, nor the doing of any special or unusual work in the cemetery, including work caused by the impoverishment of the soil, nor does it mean the reconstruction of any marble or granite work on any section or lot, or any portions thereof in the cemetery caused by the elements, an act of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots, or by the order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral other than as herein provided.

### **Floral Decorations & Plantings**

- The cemetery will undertake to maintain, as may be practicable, the planting of trees and shrubs, to preserve and maintain landscape features, but does not undertake to maintain individual plantings or urns of plants located on specific lots.
- The cemetery encourages the use of floral tributes on the graves of loved ones, however, the beauty and continuity of the cemetery depends on the cooperative efforts of all families who have loved ones in the cemeteries care.
- Fresh cut flowers and plantings when set into permanent containers on the foundations will be permitted at all times. Flowers/plantings will be removed when they become unsightly. All items shall be placed on the foundations where possible. Planting flowers or digging up the turf is permitted only within 12" of each side of the owner's lot.
- Magnolia Cemetery does not assume any responsibility for the loss or damage of any floral decorations or other memorials or their containers.

## **Regulations Regarding Items Other Than Flowers:**

The permanent placing of toys, boxes, ornaments, chairs, and similar articles may ONLY be located on the foundation of the monument. Such items must be permanently attached to the foundation or placed in a permanent container on the foundation. Magnolia Cemetery is not responsible for these items and if items are placed in areas other than in a permanent container at the side of the monument, Magnolia Cemetery reserves the right to remove the items.

## **Marker/Monument Regulations**

In order to perpetuate the beauty and continuity of the cemetery, Magnolia Cemetery reserves the right to enforce all rules and regulations here set forth and others that might seem necessary for a particular situation.

- Any memorial work must be within the bounds of the lot or grave space owned.
- Lots now containing a certain size or style of marker may be duplicated.
- Striving for surroundings of peace and beauty as a setting for memorial work prohibits advertising of any description within the cemetery. However, a small emblem or insignia inconspicuously located on the memorial will be permitted.
- Cemetery management will show the monument salesperson or monument company representatives, in person, where the marker is to be placed.
- All monument salespersons are to contact the cemetery management before constructing or pouring foundations on any lot in the cemetery. They must know whose name(s) will be on the monument or grave marker and the owner of the lot.