

## OAKWOOD CEMETERY ASSOCIATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following RULES AND REGULATIONS are made in the interest of all concerned so that OAKWOOD CEMETERY can be maintained as a place of beauty and peace.

### SECTION 1

1. The speed limit in the Cemetery is 10 MPH, and all vehicles must stay on roadways. Heavy trucks or any vehicle with an unusual or heavy load may not enter the grounds unless and until permission has been obtained from the Cemetery custodian.
2. To guard against theft, no one, whether lot owner or otherwise, will be allowed to pick any flower or remove any tree or shrub without special permission from the Association. This applies to all plants brought onto the grounds as well as those of the Cemetery.
3. Oakwood Cemetery Association will take every reasonable precaution to protect all private property of lot and grave owners from loss or damage but disclaims any responsibility for loss or damage beyond its reasonable control. This applies especially to acts of thieves, vandals, rioters, or mischief makers and to such acts of Providence as droughts, winds, tornadoes, cyclones, hail, snow, and frost.
4. The Association prohibits enclosures of any kind, including but not limited to curbing, fencing, or coping around the lot. Ornaments, chairs, settees, any wooden object, or any objects considered objectionable by the Cemetery Board are not permitted; the Association has the right to remove same without notice to lot owners. The Association will not be responsible for any movable object(s) or anything of movable nature that may be lost, misplaced or broken.
5. Any water usage must be approved by the custodian. All faucets and water lines are the property of the OAKWOOD CEMETERY ASSOCIATION.
6. Stone Monuments and stone/bronze markers are allowed in all sections. The Association is not responsible for leveling monuments/markers or for vandalism of any kind. Monument firms shall be responsible for restoring the site to its original state after installations. Custodian must approve installation.
  - 6a. No item other than the monument or marker is allowed on the ground or driven into the ground from March 1st to November 15th
  - 6b. No additional benches are allowed effective April 8, 2002.
  - 6c. Any item on the ground or driven into the ground must be removed by March 1st. After March 1st the custodian will remove the remaining items.
7. If any trees or shrubs situated on any lot shall, by means of their roots or

branches, become detrimental to any lot, space, or road, or become unsightly or inconvenient for visitors or others, it shall be the right of the Association to remove said trees or shrubs, or such part as may be detrimental, unsightly, or inconvenient. The Association shall also have the right to remove any trees or shrubs that may be infected with diseases.

8. Faded or unsightly flowers will be removed by the custodian.

9. No plantings of any kind except grass are permitted.

10. Baskets or easels containing flowers which are a part of the floral offering at time of interment will be left for several days. All fresh flowers will be removed when wilted. Families are asked to remove easels/baskets if they wish to retain them for further use.

11. Artificial flowers that are placed in permanent vases that are integral parts of monuments and flower saddles placed on monuments will not be removed until their appearance is unsightly. It is recommended that patrons put their names on their arrangements. Faded or unsightly flowers will be removed and discarded by the custodian in all sections.

11a. Flowers, fresh or artificial, are allowed on the grave only from November 15 to March 1. Fresh or artificial flowers are also allowed on the grave three (3) days before and one (1) week after on the following special days: EASTER SUNDAY, MOTHER'S DAY, FATHER'S DAY, MEMORIAL DAY AND VETERAN'S DAY.

11b. CHRISTMAS wreaths and blankets must be removed by owner or custodian by the last week in January.

11c. Flags are permitted for MEMORIAL DAY (May 31) and VETERAN'S DAY (Nov. 11) for three (3) days before and one (1) week after those days. At the end of this time, all flags must be removed.

## **SECTION II**

1. No spaces shall be offered for sale in Sections 1 through 10.

2. A lot (section 1-10) or block (Section 11-17) shall consist of no more than 8 grave spaces. The cost of each space is \$800.00\* effective June 1, 2010. Revised burial

2a. One space may be used for one casket or two cremations. Any cremains must be placed in an enclosed container.

2b. A minimum concrete or better (metal) enclosure (vault) is required in all Sections to minimize ground settling.

2c. In Babyland (section 8) each space shall be free of charge, but contributions are acceptable.

3. The Association assumes responsibility for filling graves as they settle.

4. The Association reserves the right to prohibit the erection of any mausoleum, monument, marker, or other monument work that may be considered by the Association as inappropriate in material, design, workmanship, size, or location. If any mausoleum, monument, effigy or any structure whatsoever or inscription be placed in or upon any lot or space which shall be determined by the Association to be offensive, improper, or injurious to the appearance of the surrounding lots, spaces, or grounds, the Association shall have the right to remove same.

### **SECTION III**

No burial will be allowed in any lot or space that is being purchased on time unless the full balance is first paid, including the fee for opening and closing the grave.

Transfer of ownership of spaces/lots, deed preparation and notification to Oakwood Cemetery Association are the responsibilities of the parties involved. Oakwood Cemetery Association is to be notified immediately of any change of ownership of burial spaces.

A person may make copies of the Oakwood Cemetery Association Record Books of burial spaces only at the Funeral Home using the Funeral Home Books, at a time convenient to the Funeral Home. The books are not to be removed from the Funeral Home Office. The expense of the copies is the responsibility of the person/s requesting the copies. If someone wishes copies of an entire book or books, he or she must obtain the permission of the Cemetery Association Executive Committee.

The disinterment of a deceased person may occur only with proper legal authorization.

The Association shall have the right to exclude from the grounds any person or persons who persist in disobeying any of these Rules, as per Vernon's Texas Code Annotated, Health and Safety Code Section 711.009. The Cemetery shall also have the right to refuse persons or firms whose work is not satisfactory or whose employees disobey the Rules of the Cemetery.

### **SECTION IV**

The Cemetery shall have the authority to take such steps as may, in its opinion, be necessary to prevent any violation of these Rules and Regulations and in all cases where a violation has occurred. The Cemetery may take such steps as may be necessary to correct such violation and remedy the effects thereof. All expenses incurred in so doing will be chargeable against the party or parties responsible for such violation, and a lien may be secured on any lot, space, or other property owned by such party or parties within the Cemetery.

## AMENDMENTS

These Rules and Regulations may be amended from time to time by the vote of a majority of the Board of Directors of Oakwood Cemetery Association of Jacksboro, Texas.

RULES AND REGULATIONS rewritten and revised effective April, 2008.

\*Revised burial space cost effective June 1, 2010.