



Maple Hill Cemetery

A Division of Parks & Recreation
City of Osceola



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RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Parks and Recreation Board is permitted by law to make such rules and regulations as are necessary for the proper and reverent upkeep and development of the Maple Hill Cemetery.

1. Maple Hill Cemetery is a Perpetual Care cemetery. Perpetual Care is the permanent care of the lot. It shall mean the cutting of the grass upon the lot at reasonable intervals; the raking and cleaning of the lot; the pruning of the shrubs and trees planted by the cemetery; and such work necessary to keep the lot in good and neat condition; and the general care and maintenance of the Cemetery as a whole. The Cemetery does not bind itself to maintain, repair or replace any grave marker or monuments erected upon the lot, nor to plant flowers or ornamental plants, nor to do any special or unusual work. Perpetual Care is set aside in a permanent, irrevocable trust fund to maintain the lot. This amount represents twenty percent (20%) of the amount paid for the lot as required by the State of Iowa.
2. No iron or wire work and no seats will be allowed on lots. When any article of iron begins to rust the same shall be removed from the Cemetery.
3. No vault or mausoleums shall be built, or erected in the Maple Hill Cemetery.
4. No lots in Maple Hill Cemetery shall be filled above the grade of the lawn, nor shall any alley be graded out any lower than the level of the lawn. Mounds shall not be built over graves, except such that, when settlement is complete, will result in a level lawn surface over the lot. Stone or other enclosures about the grave will not be allowed.
5. No copings or other lot enclosures will be allowed. Boundaries of lots may be marked by cornerstones set by the Maple Hill Cemetery staff, at the expense of the lot owner, and to be level with the lawn, but such cornerstones shall be place entirely inside the lot lines.
6. The Cemetery Superintendent shall designate the location for all monuments, headstones, etc.. Foundations shall extend down to a depth of four (4) feet. Every foundation shall be four (4) inches wider and longer than the base of the stone resting on it, and must not project above the surface of the ground. All new foundations must have a preformed concrete cap which extends four (4) inches beyond the edge of the monument on all sides, unless location does not allow such as on a hillside. The fee for making foundations shall be ten dollars (\$10.⁰⁰) per cubic foot.

- 7.** Only one monument will be permitted on a burial lot. Double or triple headstones may be erected on lots. No cement monuments will be allowed. Any unusual or non-traditional requests for monuments must be approved by the Parks & Recreation Board before installation. Materials for monumental work shall not remain in the cemetery longer than strictly necessary. Refuse and surplus material must be removed as soon as the work is completed.
- 8.** Plantings of a permanent nature will not be permitted on lots. The Cemetery Superintendent and staff have the right to trim any plantings which have over grown, and to remove any tree or shrub which has become diseased, or is a menace or source of disfigurement.
- 9.** No Sale, transfer, or assignment of any lot, or part of a lot, shall be valid without the consent of the Cemetery Superintendent. All transfers must be made at the Cemetery Office. Sale of two (2) or more grave spaces back to the City will be allowed. However, seller must have proof of ownership, sale price will be equivalent to purchase price, and only two (2) or more North/South conjoined grave spaces will be accepted.
- 10.** It is requested that funeral flowers arranged on graves be left undisturbed for at least three (3) days following interment.
- 11.** For the Spring and Summer seasons beginning March 15, and extending to November 15, no wreaths, sprays, or other decorative materials shall be used on any lot, except such decorations that can be contained in a vase or on the stone. No glass containers for flowers are allowed. Exceptions will be made on Memorial Day when decorations will be removed two (2) weeks later. As soon as flowers, wreaths, emblems, etc., used at funerals, or placed on graves at other times become unsightly, they will be removed and no responsibility for their protection or maintenance is assumed.
- 12.** All salvage material shall remain the property of the Cemetery. The Cemetery or its staff assume no liability for damage, actual or mental anguish, in the performance of its normal operations, or loss by vandalism or other acts beyond its reasonable control.
- 13.** The Osceola Parks and Recreation Department shall have jurisdiction over all improvements to graves and payment for same shall be paid to the City of Osceola/Parks and Recreation Department.
- 14.** The Cemetery Superintendent and the Parks and Recreation Director, are empowered and directed to enforce the above regulations and to exclude any person, willfully violating the same, or guilty of any disorderly conduct.
- 15.** All internments, other than cremains, shall be contained within a minimum grave liner or better, constructed of fiberglass, steel, or cement. No wooden boxes.
- 16.** Individuals desiring to personally intern cremains, not requiring a minimum grave liner or better, will be allowed under the stipulation that pre-arrangement is made with the Cemetery Superintendent and the Cemetery Superintendent or his designee be present at the time of interment. All associated fees remain applicable.

17. All applications for foundations should be made directly to the Cemetery Superintendent.

18. Notification for funerals will be given forty eight (48) hours in advance during the winter months, and twenty four (24) hours in advance during other times of the year.

19. All burial lot(s) shall be paid in full upon agreement of said lot(s). Full payment will be made to the Cemetery Superintendent or his designee.

20. All fees associated with the opening/closing of graves (Standard Burial, Baby Land Burial, Baby not in Baby Land Burial, Ash Burial, Urn Vault Burial, and any Disinterment) shall be paid to the Cemetery Superintendent or his designee no later than the day of, and prior to any services being provided by Maple Hill Cemetery.

The aforementioned rules and regulations shall be enforced as of the first (1st) day of April, 1997.

Amended: January 19, 1998

April 20, 1998

June 20, 2005

August 26, 2006

July 16, 2007

April 19, 2010

May 17, 2010