

Holy Cross Cemetery
CEMETERY RULES & REGULATIONS
INTRODUCTION

Holy Cross Cemetery provides dignified burial places for the faithful departed. Services and facilities are offered in harmony with the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church and show such care that reflects those spiritual values.

The rules and regulations are designed for the protection of owners of interment rights as a group. They are intended, not as restraining, but rather as preventing individuals from taking unfair advantage of others. Their enforcement will help protect our Cemetery and preserve its beauty. All owners of interment rights, visitors and contractors performing work within the Cemetery shall be subject to said rules and regulations, amendments or alterations as shall be adopted by the Cemetery from time to time.

SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

1. The purchaser of a plot in Holy Cross Cemetery does not acquire the property itself, but the "right of burial".
2. The interment (opening) fee is separate and distinct from the purchase of the "right of burial". This fee must be paid in full prior to the interment.
3. No interment will be permitted or rights acquired by the purchaser until full payment has been received for the plot and a Right of Burial document has been issued.
4. Holy Cross Cemetery has the option to repurchase graves from the owner for the original purchase price upon proof of ownership.
5. Transfers of Right of Burial will be subject to the guidelines of the cemetery. No burial space or interest therein will be transferred without consent of the cemetery. A notarized statement indicating permission of the original purchaser and/or his/her heir's is required.
6. Each grave will accommodate a maximum of:
 - a. one (1) full burial plus one cremains burial, or
 - b. two (2) cremains burials.
7. Graves are used for burial of human remains only.
8. In the event of an error in an interment on the part of the cemetery, it reserves the right to correct its error at its cost with no further liability to any other party.
9. Outside container must be a vault for both full burials and cremains. Material may be concrete, steel, marble or similar metal.
10. Holy Cross Cemetery is a Catholic institution, therefore interments are provided for Catholics. As a sign of the bonds of family unity, non-Catholics may be buried alongside the Catholic members of their family.
11. Only cemetery-approved contractors and dealers will perform openings and closings of graves; interments and disinterments; landscaping, maintenance, foundations and memorialization,
12. All trees and shrubs will be planted, trimmed, cut or removed by cemetery personnel or approved contractors. Trees will not be removed to make additional burial space which relates to the advantage of a specific lot owner rather than to the best interest of the cemetery as a whole.
13. The Cemetery opens at sunrise; closes at sunset.
14. No driving or parking on lawn areas in the Cemetery.
15. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

16. There should be strict observance of the proprieties in the cemetery. Hence, all persons within the cemetery should avoid conduct unbecoming a sacred place.

17. No combustible materials shall be left on a grave or elsewhere on the cemetery grounds.

18. The cemetery reserves the right to delay burials due to severe weather conditions.

19. Speed limit on cemetery grounds is 5 MPH

DECORATIONS

1. Only natural flowers, living plants, silk flowers and American Flags may be placed on graves.

2. Decorations will be discarded at the discretion of the cemetery if they become wilted, unsightly or damaged.

3. Live Flowers – Maximum of two (2) non-decorative clay or plastic pot will be permitted to the left and right of each stone (not inserted in the ground or placed in front) during the Spring/Summer season of May 5th - October 15th. The pot will not exceed 12" in diameter and will be discarded during the fall clean up period. Fresh cut or potted flowers will not have wire ties or plastic wrappings.

4. Silk flowers are permitted with these limitations:

- during summer season only
- free of hazardous non-degradable materials (styrofoam, wires, bows, etc.)
- must be permanently mounted on the monument and not inserted in the ground.

5. Flat marker section D (first two rows of the service road) Plastic pots of live flowers only may be placed directly on the stone (not to exceed 12" in diameter) during the summer months only (May 6th – October 14th). American Flags may be inserted during the specific dates listed below. No other decorations are permitted in this section.

6. PROHIBITED: In-ground plantings, gardens, in-ground vases, ornaments, figurines, statues, pictures, glass or other breakable containers, trellises, Shepherd's Crooks, in-ground plant hooks, votive candles, decorative stone, solar lights, vigil lights and other similar commemorative articles of non-degradable materials will be removed and discarded without notice. Cinder blocks, bricks or pavers of any material next to the foundations to increase the size of the memorial for flowers will be removed and discarded. They create a cluttered appearance, are susceptible to damage and add greatly to the time and cost of maintenance.

7. Winter Decorations: Wreaths may be placed on or after October 30th and will be removed during spring clean-up. Wreaths should be affixed to the stone whenever possible.

8. The National Ensign, (American Flag) is placed in the ground to the left of the marker as you face it. American flags may be placed on Veterans graves, 24 hours prior to and removed within 48 hours after the following designed holidays: Memorial Day, Flag Day, 4th of July, and Veterans Day. Those wishing to have the flag remain through the summer season must place the flag in an approved pot and assure that it is properly maintained.

9. Large bins are placed alongside the road for rubbish.

Spring Clean-Up - April 21st – May 5th

All decorations will be removed. Please do not place summer flowers before May 6th, they will be discarded.

Fall Clean-Up - October 15th -October 30th

All decorations will be removed. Please do not place winter decorations before October 30th, they will be discarded.

MEMORIALIZATION

1. Holy Cross Cemetery reserves the right to approve and prescribe the kind, size, design, symbolism, craftsmanship, quality and material of memorials, inscriptions and monuments to be placed in Holy Cross Cemetery. The Cemetery reserves the right to deny entrance to any dealer or agent in memorials who does not observe the rules and regulations of the Cemetery.
2. Only approved dealers will install foundations and monuments. The cemetery office will be given 24 hours notice by all dealers for any work being done in the cemetery. Individuals are not permitted to install urns or other hand-made items used as headstones or markers. Any items of this nature will be removed and discarded.
3. Memorial dealers will be required to furnish for approval, blue prints or sketches of proposed monuments or markers, specifying size, quality of granite, and all inscriptions.
4. Only approved dealers will place temporary grave markers, and only for a period of one year. Temporary markers will be removed at the discretion of the cemetery.
5. No additional monument will be allowed for a cremation on an existing grave. Military and other flat markers should be permanently attached to the back of the headstone.
6. All memorialization (foundations, monuments and markers) is warranted through the company from which it is purchased.
7. Monuments or other structures that become dangerous or detrimental to persons in the cemetery may be repaired or removed at the expense of the holders. Charges for work done by the cemetery at the expense of the lot holders must be prepaid.
8. Ceramic photographs on memorials lend themselves to vandalism. The cemetery will not be liable in any instance for damage to inlaid or attached material on memorials.
9. In keeping with Christian ideals, all memorials should be inscribed with approved prayers and epitaphs. With Cemetery approval, inscriptions and etchings of a non-religious nature, limited in size, may be permitted.
10. All inquires regarding the location of a burial for the sale or placement of a memorial must be submitted to and approved by the cemetery office prior to any work being performed.
11. When work is completed, dealers will restore the grounds, at their own expense, to the same condition as before the work commenced.
12. Monuments: All poured foundations must be a minimum of 42" deep.
13. Flower urns must sit on base of monument or foundation, and are included in total length of foundation.
14. Foundation and Monument Sizes:
 - a. One Grave Plot:
foundation – max. 28" x 16"

monument - max. 28" x 14" x 60" height
 - b. Two Grave Plot:

foundation - max. 68" x 16"

monument - max. 68" x 14" x 60" height
 - c. Three (or more) Grave Plot:

foundation - max. 96" x 16"

monument – max. 96" x 14" x 60" height

15. Flat Marker Sizes:

a. must have 5" sand base on top of 18" of gravel.

b. Flat marker sizes:

2 ft x 1 ft - 1 grave plot

3 ft x 1 ft – 2 grave plot

4 ft x 1 ft – 3 grave plot, etc.

c. Section D Flat Markers (first two rows on main service road) must be flush with ground. No urns or markers are permitted above ground.

d. Bronze markers will be affixed to a 4" deep concrete foundation.

16. Out of respect, all work of any kind will cease while a funeral or interment is being conducted. Workmen will withdraw their equipment to a reasonable distance from the location of the funeral service.

17. Approaching the bereaved for the purpose of soliciting any business with the Cemetery will not be permitted. Dealers' cards or advertisements of any kind will not be placed on any memorial. Certain manufacturer's logos for warranty purposes only, will be permitted.