

TITLE 20

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20-101. Cemetery rules. (1) The following rules are hereby established:

- (a) City police are to lock the cemetery gates at 8:00 P.M. and unlock them at 5:00 A.M.
- (b) The CMCA will hold an annual cleaning each year during the week before Easter at which time all old floral arrangements will be removed.
- (c) Owners will be given a set of rules and regulations when they purchase lots.
- (d) Rules and regulations will be permanently posted at the cemetery.
- (e) No permanent landscaping alteration may be made to any gravesite, i.e. planting shrubs, flowers, trees, or other vegetation.
- (f) Flower arrangements will be limited to a maximum of three (3) per grave site beginning thirty (30) days after burial.
- (g) Permanent gravesite ornaments, other than the headstone and footstone, are prohibited.
- (h) Temporary gravesite ornaments must be removed thirty (30) days after burial.
- (i) Any temporary ornaments, including flower arrangements, must be placed on the gravestone or on the ground within three feet (3') of the gravestone or marker.

(j) Edging of gravesites with vegetation, bricks, paving stones, or any other material is strictly prohibited upon final passage of the ordinance comprising this section. Edging already in place will be considered to be "grandfathered" and will not be affected by this section.

(2) Be it further ordained that violators of any part of this section will be notified by the city through certified mail that they have thirty (30) days to remedy the violation or file a written appeal to the city council. Any appeal shall be heard at the next city council meeting. When a violation is not remedied within the specified time and no appeal is filed, the City of Cowan Street Department shall remedy the violation under the supervision of the Cowan Police Department. The violator will be assessed a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fine and the cost of labor and materials. (1961 Code, § 11-102, as replaced by Ord. #05-06-01, Aug. 2005, and Ord. #08-11-01, Jan. 2009)

20-102. Purchase of lots. Those desiring to purchase lots in the cemetery are requested to confer with the city recorder, who will advise them of lots available, so selection may be made. Lots purchased are conveyed by a certificate of ownership and are secured to the purchasers and their families and heirs as a burial place forever. Lot owners are prohibited from selling or transferring their lots without first obtaining the consent of the city recorder. All applications to sell or transfer must be accompanied with evidence showing good and sufficient cause for making such sale or transfer. The City of Cowan will not recognize as lot owners any person or persons whose names do not appear upon the cemetery records. The possession of a certificate of ownership is not sufficient evidence of the transfer of the lot from the original owner. When a transfer is approved, the original certificate will be cancelled and a new one issued. A reasonable charge will be made for all transfers. (1961 Code, § 11-103)

20-103. Single grave section. Suitable ground in the cemetery has been set apart and designated as single grave sections. When a single grave is purchased, it remains the property of the purchaser for all time. However, credit will be given any purchaser of the single grave who wishes to surrender it and purchase a lot. (1961 Code, § 11-104)

20-104. Price per grave plot. A price of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) is hereby established for each grave plot sold in the Cowan Montgomery Cemetery, and this price per grave plot shall apply whether the said lots be sold singly or in multiples of two (2) or more. (Ord. #02-05-03, July 2002)

20-105. Sale of lots in certain sections. Sales will be made by lots of twenty (20) feet square, which will contain eight (8) graves or 10 x 20 feet, which

will contain four (4) graves, in sections Q to X, inclusive, according to a plat on file in the city recorder's office. (1961 Code, § 11-01, modified)

20-106. Number of lots in certain section. As many as fifteen (15) lots or as few as one (1) lot may be sold to any person in sections Y and Z, according to the above plat. (1961 Code, § 11-02)

20-107. Opening fee. A charge of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) is hereby established for each grave opened and closed in the Cowan Montgomery Cemetery, and this charge shall be paid by the funeral director, establishment, person, firm, or corporation in charge of opening and closing a grave. (Ord. #32, Nov. 1972)

20-108. Resodding. When any grave is opened in the Cowan Montgomery Cemetery, the sod thereon shall be cut and set aside and replaced when the grave is closed, and this shall be done by the person, firm, corporation, funeral director, or establishment in charge of opening and closing a grave. (Ord. #32, Nov. 1972)