

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP MEMORIAL CEMETERY

Covering Section I, II & III

For the mutual protection of every lot purchaser in these sections, these rules and regulations are hereby adopted as the rules and regulations of Friendship Memorial Cemetery, and all property owners and visitors within the cemetery, and all lots hereafter to be sold in these sections, are and shall be subject to the following rules and regulations formulated and adopted by the Mayor and City Council of Sylvania, Georgia, and subject further to such other and additional rules and regulations, amendments or alterations as shall be adopted by the city for said Friendship Memorial Cemetery, the same being a public cemetery, owned and operated by the city; and the reference to such rules and regulations in instruments or deeds conveying the ownership of lots and the right of interment, shall have the same force and effect as if the same were set forth therein.

1. An order or request in writing is required of the lot owner or authorized undertaker before a grave is to be opened, giving the name, age, sex, date of decease and location of grave in reference to the lot.

2. All grading, landscaping work and improvements of any kind, and care of lots shall be done, and all trees and shrubs moved and herbage of any kind shall be planted, trimmed, cut or removed, only by the City of Sylvania. Permanent planting of grasses, shrubs, flowers, etc., are made by the city and further plantings may be permitted only at the discretion of the property committee of the City of Sylvania. The whole cemetery is to be landscaped, and to keep it uniform, it is necessary that all plantings shall be under the control of the City of Sylvania including the following additional care: Removal of rubbish when necessary, raking, and cutting of grass, trimming of trees and shrubbery and other care that said city may deem necessary. The ownership of rights of interment in, lots does not convey any right to do plantings etc., without the express approval of the proper officials of the city. The city retains control and supervision of all lots that are sold in these sections; and the city retains the right to have its city engineer enter upon any lot and prohibit, modify or remove any structure, object, improvement or adornment on such lot, which may have been placed thereon and which may be considered objectionable or injurious to the lot, adjoining lots or the cemetery in general.

3. The City of Sylvania reserves the right to remove all cut flowers and pot plants that may be dead or otherwise objectionable and will hold the same or the containers for two weeks after their removal, using ordinary care and diligence for their protection and safety, but assumes no further liability in connection therewith. Owners must call for same within specified time.

4. The right to enlarge, reduce, re-plan or change the boundaries or grading of the cemetery, or of the section or sections, from time to time, including the right to modify and change the locations of or remove or re-grade the roads, drives and walks, or any part thereof, is hereby expressly reserved. The right to lay, maintain, operate or alter or change pipe lines and gutters for sprinkling systems, drainage, etc., is also expressly reserved as well as is the right to use said land for cemetery purposes.

5. All persons are prohibited from gathering flowers, either wild or cultivated, or

breaking trees, shrubbery or plants or disturbing birds or other animal life in the cemetery.

6. No signs or notices or advertisements of any kind shall be allowed in the cemetery unless placed by the city.

7. The city shall not be liable and distinctly disclaims all responsibility, for the loss or damage to property or rights of lot owners arising from causes beyond its control, and especially, from damage caused by the elements, and act of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief-makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots, or order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral.

8. (a) Only one central or family memorial shall be allowed on a family lot, which said memorial shall be placed on the rear of the lot facing the East, with two feet clearance between the base of the memorial and the back property line of said lot, the height of which shall not exceed five feet from the ground.

(b) In the event a horizontal marker is used on a grave, only material consisting of stone, marble or bronze may be used, and the top of same shall be placed flush with the finished grade or the surrounding ground.

(c) The top of any vault or container holding a body shall be placed at least twelve inches below the finished grade of the surrounding ground.

(d) No coping, curbing, fencing, hedging, grave mounds, borders, or enclosures of any kind shall be allowed around any lot, and no walks of brick, cinders, tile, stone, marble or terra-cotta, sand, cement, gravel or wood shall be allowed on any lot, the city reserves the right to remove same if so erected, planted or placed.

(e) While the city will exercise all possible care to protect raised lettering, carving or ornaments on any memorial, or other structure, on any lot, it disclaims any responsibility and shall not be liable for any damage or injury thereto.

9. One vault or one urn per grave will be allowed. Burial of cremated remains shall require the use of a sealed, non-biodegradable, non-collapsible urn or urn vault.

10. Only two lots will be sold to any one person and in the event of the sale of either lot before the same is used, it must be first offered to the City of Sylvania at a price not exceeding the original purchase price plus two per cent per annum as interest on the money so invested, and if the city refuses said lot, it may be sold to an individual on the same bases as above, and at no greater price.

11. The location of any lots referred to in these rules in the restricted section of said cemetery may be found by reference to a plat on file in the office of the City Recorder.