

Fairlawn Cemetery General Rules and Regulations

To the Patrons and Lot Owners of Fairlawn Cemetery, Stillwater, Oklahoma

It is the aim of the Fairlawn Cemetery Association, a non-profit association, and its Board of Directors, to make our cemetery a quiet and beautiful resting place for the departed, where landscaping and decorum will give a sense of repose. All efforts to secure this effect will be limited only by the manpower and money available, much of which has been and will be spent on the groundskeeping and labor. However, preservation will require the cooperation of all lot owners and patrons. Anything which would mar the general beauty and harmony must be avoided, changed, or removed.

Without some regulations the owners of lots in the cemetery would be without protection. The Fairlawn Cemetery Association wishes to hold all rules and regulations to a minimum, and we believe that a study of the application of these regulations will convince all that these regulations are necessary and indispensable if the cemetery is to be kept in the condition that we would have it as the last resting place of our departed loved ones.

Conduct in the Cemetery

1. Courtesy of all employees to everyone is required.
2. Courtesy by all lot owners and patrons to others is required.
3. Fast driving (over 25 mph) or pleasure driving is not permitted.
4. Cars must be parked so as to not obstruct driveways or streets.
5. All persons are prohibited from picking flowers (wild, cultivated, or artificial).
6. Breaking or marring any trees, shrubs, or plants is prohibited.
7. Breaking or marring any monument, stone, or structure within the cemetery is prohibited and illegal.
8. Proper conduct is required at all times.
9. No drinking, gambling, drugs, soliciting, menacing behavior, or any illegal activity will be allowed within the cemetery.
10. Children must be accompanied by parents or guardian.
11. Dogs must be restrained in a vehicle or on a leash.
12. No horseback riding will be permitted within the cemetery.
13. Soliciting of work or sales and placing of advertising matter in any form within the cemetery is prohibited.
14. Patrons are asked to report any such violation to the cemetery office.
15. No manufacturing or business establishment will be allowed within the confines of the cemetery.
16. All workmen in the confines of the cemetery for any purpose at all times are subject to the direction and control of the management of the cemetery.
17. Workmen who do not regard these regulations will not be allowed to do further work in the cemetery.
18. Workmen or lot owners must not scatter material on adjoining lots.

Lot Owner Information

Reference herein to a "lot" means the number of burial spaces belonging to one owner, whether it is one (1) space, or any given number of adjoining spaces belonging to one owner. Any person, estate, or business firm guaranteeing payment to the cemetery of any charge against a lot owner, whether in payment for a lot or lots, or the charge for opening a grave for burial or a foundation for a monument or marker, or any other charge due the cemetery, shall be held responsible for any payment of same within thirty (30) days, whether or not they are reimbursed by the lot owner. Such guarantee will not relieve the lot owner of his/her responsibility for payment to the cemetery. Any person or business delinquent more than ninety (90) days will not be permitted any further services until accounts are paid in full.

1. All deeds to lots shall contain the provision, "subject to the rules and regulations of the Fairlawn Cemetery Association as they now exist or may be amended in the future."
2. Transfer of lots will be recognized only by permission of the cemetery board.
3. The cemetery board reserves the sole right to repurchase a lot.
4. When requested, proof of legal ownership of any burial space or written consent of the lot owner, must be furnished to the cemetery management before a burial will be permitted.
5. Neither burial nor the setting of a monument or marker will be permitted on any lot purchased on installments or by contract until the account is paid in full.
6. All interment or disinterment services must be performed by or under the direction of cemetery personnel, and such services are payable in advance.
7. Marking posts at the corner of each lot or lots, set at grass level, are permitted but must be of granite, marble, or bronze. They are not to be more than six (6) inches or less than four (4) inches and three (3) inches thick. Marking posts shall be on a concrete foundation two (2) inches larger than the post. The cost of these foundations is payable in advance and the work must be done by or overseen by cemetery personnel.
8. Any other enclosure such as curbing, walks, or fencing will not be permitted.
9. Filling or grading of a lot other than to the general contour of the ground will not be permitted.
10. No material other than good soil may be used on any lot.
11. No trees, shrubs or other plants may be planted by anyone other than cemetery personnel except with the express written permission of the cemetery. In the event any such planting is allowed, the cemetery reserves the right to perform whatever maintenance it deems necessary to preserve the appearance of such landscaping, including complete removal of that landscaping if it becomes unsightly or obtrusive in the opinion of cemetery personnel.
12. Fairlawn Cemetery management reserves the right to remove any monument, memorialization, ornamentation, item, or decorations which become unsightly or hinder in any manner the general maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery.
13. Right of access to, or across any and all cemetery lots, is retained by the cemetery for the purpose of maintenance, opening of graves, and such work as is necessary. Due care will be taken by workmen at all times.

14. The Fairlawn Cemetery discourages Sunday or holiday interments and will allow same only in cases of emergency with special permission of the board since these are days of rest for cemetery personnel.

Cemetery personnel, as directed by the cemetery Board of Directors, shall have absolute charge of the cemetery and will be authorized to enforce these rules; to maintain order; to supervise all workers, visitors, and drivers of vehicles; to refuse the use of any materials; to expel from the cemetery any improper person or persons who violate the rules; and to refuse admission to any person, animals, equipment, or materials when such action is deemed proper and necessary.

Monument Restrictions

The Fairlawn Cemetery shall be operated as a traditional cemetery, allowing the lot owners freedom of choice, with only minor regulations:

1. Monuments or markers must be of granite, marble, or bronze.
2. All monuments or markers shall be set at the front/head of the grave/lot and shall be above ground level. No monument will be allowed to be placed on the lot other than to the front and in line.
3. An authorized veteran's memorial plaque may be placed at the foot of the grave of a deceased veteran in the event they have an existing monument or memorial at the head of the grave.
4. Markers placed at the foot other than at the head of the grave/lot must be at grass level. (no higher than two [2] inches above ground level)
5. Flower vases or urns are allowed. The setting of any vase or urn, other than those attached to monuments, shall be on a concrete foundation twelve (12) inches larger in diameter than the urn or vase and must be placed at ground level in the monument row.
6. The cost of these foundations is payable in advance and the work must be done or supervised by cemetery personnel.
7. Benches, settees, etc., will not be allowed except that a bench-type monument will be permitted if set in accordance with the rules regulating the placement of monuments and with the express written permission from the board.
8. Other benches will be allowed with express written permission from the board, provided they do not hinder the mowing, care, appearance, and general maintenance of the grounds.
9. The above rules apply to all sections and blocks of the Fairlawn Cemetery.

Conclusion

The Fairlawn Cemetery Corporation Board is dedicated to maintain the care and beauty of the cemetery with respect to our loved ones interred therein and to the patrons and public as a whole.

The Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) members: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, plus 3 general members as set out in the by-laws of the Fairlawn Cemetery Association, Inc. of Stillwater, Oklahoma. Any member may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the members.

In order to conduct and coordinate the business affairs pertaining to the operation of the cemetery, the board will endeavor to meet each spring and fall or at any special meeting called by any member of the board. A quorum of the board must be present to conduct business.

All monies received from sale of lots or any other source shall be placed in a permanent trust fund, except that which is necessary for the actual maintenance and up keep of the grounds. There are and shall be kept sufficient fund/funds for perpetual care and maintenance. Authority is vested in the Board of Directors to regulate and set fees and charges for services pertaining to the operation of the cemetery.

These rules and regulations are subject to amendment at any time by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH MY PURCHASE OF INTERMENT RIGHT IN FAIRLAWN CEMETERY OF STILLWATER OKLAHOMA, AS WELL AS MY HEIRS OR ASSIGNEES HEREAFTER.

PURCHASER'S SIGNATURE

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DATE

REPRESENTATIVE – FAIRLAWN CEMETERY

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