

The City of Nashville will be adopting new Rules and Regulations Regarding Flowers, Memorials & Operations in substantially the form set forth below. Prior to formal adoption, the City of Nashville will have public hearings to afford the public an opportunity to ask questions and offer input. The public hearings will probably occur immediately prior to the regularly scheduled Council meetings on the second and fourth Mondays in May but the actual dates and times of the public meetings will be posted at City Hall and on the City of Nashville website.

# **CITY OF NASHVILLE CEMETERIES**

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING FLOWERS, MEMORIALS & OPERATIONS**

The City wants the families to be able to pay tribute to and express their love for their loved ones without infringing upon the rights of others, hindering the maintenance of the cemetery grounds, endangering the safety of City personnel, or the public at large. In order to provide a uniform, safe and easily maintained cemetery the City has established the following guidelines in furtherance of these goals.

### FLOWER POLICY

- Artificial arrangements in approved park vases are permitted at all times. However, holes may not be dug on any gravesite for placement of containers or arrangements. One arrangement per vase unit/flower box. No additional arrangements allowed.
- The City of Nashville reserves the right to remove all plants or arrangements at such time that the plant or arrangement become unsightly in the discretion of the cemetery staff.
- Funeral flowers will be removed by City personnel if not removed by the family or funeral home providing services to the family within five days after the funeral.
- Although the City of Nashville has no liability or responsibility for missing flowers, vases or other items, the City would like the Cemetery Staff to be notified of any missing items.

### GRAVESITE POLICY

- No fencing, hedging, coping, stone or gravel aprons around memorials or lots, slabs, corner posts, color artwork, no flooring or chipping are allowed.
- No wire, iron or metal stands, rocks, breakable containers or figurines shall be permitted on the gravesite. These items create hazards for City of Nashville personnel, their equipment as well as visitors and member of the public at large.
- The Cemetery Staff shall approve prior to purchase or placement all granite or marble benches, markers and / or monuments on the gravesites.
- No wooden, cast iron or concrete bench or chair, or any wooden or wire trellis, shall be permitted on the gravesites.
- All foot markers and flower boxes must be flush with the ground and the foot marker cannot include a vase.
- The City of Nashville, its employees, agents and contractors have authority to enter upon any lot and to remove any noncompliant object or structure which may have been placed there contrary to these rules and regulations.
- The City of Nashville shall take reasonable precaution to protect plot and crypt owners from loss or damage but expressly disclaims all responsibility from causes beyond the City's control.
- Special cases may arise in which literal enforcement of a rule or regulation may impose unnecessary hardship. The City of Nashville retains and expressly reserves authority without further notice, to make exceptions, suspensions or modifications of any of the rules and regulations when deemed necessary; and such temporary exceptions, suspension or modifications shall not constitute a waiver or in any manner affect future application of these rules and regulations.

The City of Nashville expressly retains and reserves the authority to adopt, revise, amend and modify without notice to Owners, new rules and regulations, or to adopt, amend, alter and/or repeal any rules, regulations and/or article, section, paragraph provisions of the rules and regulations.

It shall be the duty of the lot owner to notify the City of Nashville of any change of his or her address. Notices sent to lot owners at the last address on file in the office of the City of Nashville shall be considered sufficient and proper legal notification for all purposes.

All persons are reminded that the cemetery grounds are devoted to the burial of the deceased and that the provisions and penalties of the law, as provided by statute, will be strictly enforced in all cases of negligent, reckless or wanton conduct, disturbance or disregard of the rules and regulations.