

Artesia Cemetery District

District Rules and Regulations

A. Definitions

As used in these regulations the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. "Board" shall mean the Board of Trustees for the Artesia Cemetery District.
2. "District" shall mean the Artesia Cemetery District.
3. "District Manager" shall mean the District Manager of the Artesia Cemetery District.
4. "Asst. Dist. Manager" shall mean the Assistant District Manager of the Artesia Cemetery District
5. "Site Owner" shall mean the one who has purchased interment rights.

B. Care of Graves and Cemetery Grounds

1. The absolute control of the cemetery grounds in every particular is vested in the Board; site owners and others are entitled only to such privileges within the grounds as are provided by these rules and regulations. Subject to the control the following shall be the rules regulating the general care of the graves and cemetery grounds.
2. **In compliance with Municipal Code Section 9.48.030(i), no beer, wine, or other alcoholic beverages may be consumed within the Cemetery. Violators may be subject to citation or arrest.**
3. The cemetery grounds will not be used for any picnics or parties. Barbecue grills or any other types of cooking equipment shall not be allowed on the cemetery grounds.
4. No person shall plant any tree, shrub, bush or flower on the cemetery grounds. Donations for trees are acceptable, but trees will be selected, placed, and planted under the direction of the Board.
5. Flowers (fresh cut or artificial) may be placed in the vases purchased from the District or in unbreakable containers placed at the head of the grave. No More than two vases and/or containers shall be permitted on any one grave. Flowers in such containers shall be removed as, in the opinion of the District personnel, they become unsightly. Unauthorized containers will be removed and disposed of by District personnel.
6. Reasonable and suitable holiday, or special occasion, decorations are allowed. Decorations are to be removed within one week after said holiday. Decorations not removed in a timely manner will be removed and disposed of by District personnel.
7. No person shall gather flowers nor disturb growing plants or trespass on any site of which he does not hold the interment right. All persons other than the interment right holders shall confine themselves to the roads, paths, and other public spaces provided for public use within the cemetery grounds. No person shall also pick flowers or remove any other plant materials that are grown within cemetery grounds.
8. Children must be under the control of their Adult Companion at all times.
9. Except in the excavation for the completion of an interment, no person shall remove any earth or in any way damage the cemetery grounds or leave any grass, earth or rubbish of any kind thereon. Dead flowers and other rubbish must be placed in containers provided for that purpose.

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10. If any tree, shrub, plant or vine deemed property of the district and situated on any site shall by reason of root, branches, height, shade or otherwise become detrimental or unsightly to adjacent sites, paths, streets, or the cemetery grounds, District personnel may enter such site and remove or trim such tree, shrub, plant or vine as deemed necessary. No person shall deface any tree trunk.
11. No person shall burn combustible material within the cemetery grounds.
12. No lot or grave shall be defined by any architectural object or by any marker unless approved by the District Manager, Asst. Dist. Manager, or the Board.

C. Memorial Markers

Memorial markers hereafter shall be limited as follows:

1. Memorial markers must be made of solid industry granite {minimum thickness for stone markers is three (3) inches}, U.S. standard bronze, marble, or stone used for that purpose. All memorial markers hereafter shall be set by District personnel, in a concrete foundation with a maximum of two flower vases set at the bottom of the foundation. The only in-ground vases allowed are available from the cemetery.
 - a) **Raised marker sections:** The maximum allowed size is 20" x 10" for Cremation and Infant Graves, 36" x 18" for a Single Grave, and 56" x 16" for Side by Side Graves. The height of a memorial marker cannot exceed its maximum allowed width, unless you receive prior approval from either the District Manager, Asst. Dist. Manager, or the Board. A maximum of two memorial markers, only one of which can be raised, may be placed on an adult gravesite.
 - b) **Flush marker sections:** The maximum allowed size is 20" x 10" for Cremation and Infant Graves, 36" x 18" for Single Grave, and 56" x 16" for Side by Side Graves. A maximum of two memorial markers may be placed on an adult gravesite.
2. The Board reserves the right to make improvements to any site or to any public portion of the cemetery grounds at any time the expense to be paid by the District.
3. Animals are allowed, but must remain on leash at all times and must be picked up after.

D. Interments

Site owners, morticians, funeral directors, and other authorized persons shall comply with the following regulations in the use of sites for interment purposes.

1. All graves will be dug to depth, which allows a minimum of 18 inches of earth to be placed on top of all vaults or liners or cremated remains container. All single adult graves shall be dug to a depth of five feet at the center. Infant gravesites for domed liners shall be dug to a depth of forty-eight inches at the center. Cremation sites shall be dug to a minimum depth of thirty inches.

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2. A minimum container of cloth covered wood casket with handles is required for all interments except cremated remains. A durable container is required for all cremated remains interments. Standard vaults must be used for all interments except for cremated remains. The use of cremated remains vaults is required. You can purchase a cremation vault from the District.

3. A maximum of three cremated remains containers may be placed in an in-ground site. Cremated remains vaults are allowed.

4. A maximum of two cremated remains may be placed in a cremation niche. Each cremains container shall not exceed the following dimensions: length 9', width 4.5', height 9".

5. A maximum of four infant remains may be placed in an adult sized grave. Bell Liner may be purchased from the District.