

EXCERPTS FROM RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SEDRO-WOOLLEY UNION CEMETERY

Section 3. Interments:

(A) Graves may be purchased at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Sedro-Woolley. Interments will not be permitted in graves not paid for.

(B) Graves are sold for the purpose of burial of the human dead only; disposition of any remains by interment or otherwise on Sunday is prohibited, except in cases of contagious diseases as required by law. All instructions as to interments, etc., must be given in writing. The burial of two or more adults in any one grave is forbidden.

(C) No burial will be permitted in the cemetery without a permit from a health officer, coroner or physician, and a proper burial permit.

(D) On the death of any owner of graves in the cemetery, the heirs or assigns or devisees of such decedent must furnish to and file with the City satisfactory proof of their ownership, and all such papers shall remain with the City. Without such proof, ownership of such grave cannot be recognized by the City. No transfer of any grave or interest therein will be valid without the consent of the City first being had and endorsed upon such transfer and the same shall have been endorsed on the books of the City. A grave owner may permit an interment of one not a member of his family, but an heir may not give such permission without the unanimous consent of all the grave owners.

(E) Reasonable notice must be given before each interment and any and all charges for same shall be paid for in advance. No person, or persons are authorized to make interments of human remains (bodies or ashes) within the cemetery without first securing clearance through the office of the City Clerk. The direction of funerals while within the cemetery, shall be subject to the control of the City.

(F) No interments except infant burials, will be permitted in the cemetery without a reinforced concrete liner or approved type of metal burial vault.

Section 4. Disinterments:

(A) No disinterment will be allowed without a permit from the Registrar of the District in which the cemetery is located, and the permission of the City, the grave owner, or his heirs or assigns, and of the nearest kin to the deceased and all such disinterments shall be under the direction and supervision of the City, except by the order of court when a proper receipt for the remains must be given.

Section 5. Prohibited Acts:

(A) Grave owners, purchasers, visitors or any other persons are prohibited from giving gratuities to any employees for services rendered. Employees accepting same will be immediately discharged.

(B) Soliciting for monumental or other kind of work will not be permitted on cemetery grounds.

(C) Signs and advertisements of every description are strictly prohibited in any part of the cemetery.

(D) Persons with firearms or dogs will not be admitted inside the cemetery, except upon special permission by the City.

(E) No one shall disturb the gravestones, monuments, or markers, or any other property or objects within said cemetery, nor disturb the quiet or good order of the cemetery by noises or disorderly or improper conduct, nor shall violate any of the rules or regulations contained here, and the City is vested with full police power to arrest without warrant any offender in the grounds.

(F) No vehicle shall be driven in any part of the cemetery except on the driveways laid out for that purpose or on unimproved property. Automobiles shall not be driven in the cemetery at a speed exceeding fifteen (15) miles per hour.

(G) No vehicle shall be driven or parked without permission from the City in any part of the cemetery between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 8:00 A.M. of each day.

Section 6. Monuments, Markers, Stones, Plantings, Etc.

(A) In order to secure the best general appearance the City requires that all plantings shall be done only in accordance with the established plan under the direction of the City. No artificial flowers or shrubs shall be permitted between April 15 and October 1, of each year.

(B) No grave shall be raised above the contours of the surrounding ground. To insure the proper development of the grounds the grade of all graves will be determined by the City.

(C) No coping or any kind of enclosure will be permitted. Small trees, shrubs, or other plants set out at the corner of a grave to define its limits will not be allowed. Boundaries of lots will be as designated by the City. Cornerstones must not project above the ground and must not be altered or removed.

(D) No iron work or wire work and no seats or benches will be allowed on graves except by permission of the City. When any articles on any grave become unsightly or deteriorates, it shall be the right and the duty of the City to remove same.

(E) The City reserves the right to exclude or remove from any grave any headstones, monuments or other structure, tree, plant or any object whatever which may conflict with the regulations or which the City may consider injurious to the general appearance of the grounds. No trees, plants or flowers growing within any grave shall be removed or trimmed without the consent of the City.

(F) The City reserves the right to lay out, alter or vacate such avenues and walks, to establish the grades of avenues, walks and roads and to change these rules and regulations or to make such other rules and regulations as may be deemed requisite and proper by the City to secure and promote the general objects and best interests of the cemetery and no notice of such intended action shall be required.

(G) All monuments or markers shall be delivered to the Cemetery and they will be installed by the City of Sedro-Woolley.

(H) The cemetery will not be responsible for anything movable that may be lost or misplaced.

(I) Markers in endowment care sections must be of a uniform size and must be set flush with the contour of the ground.

NOTE: The foregoing are excerpts only from the official rules and regulations which are posted on a bulletin board in the Sedro-Woolley City Hall. All such rules and regulations are subject to change by the City Council.