



HARPERSVILLE MUNICIPAL CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

GENERAL

1. The Harpersville Municipal Cemetery (Cemetery) is owned and operated by the Town of Harpersville, Alabama (Town). The Town reserves the right to add, change, modify, amend, revoke, or annul any rules and regulations at its discretion.
2. All burials plots (plots) are sold subject to the rules and regulations of the Cemetery. Plots shall be used for no other purpose than for the burial of human remains. All work subsequent to final sale of cemetery plots shall under the direction of the Town, with the exception of opening and closing graves.
3. The Town Council shall appoint a Cemetery Committee to review and recommend rules and regulations to the Town Council. This committee will be under the direction of the Town Council. Subject to the recommendations of the Cemetery Committee, the Town shall have absolute charge over the Cemetery, shall be authorized to enforce the rules and regulations, shall maintain order, shall supervise all work (with the exception of funeral directors and others directly involved with funerals), may authorize the expulsion from the ground any improper burial of human remains, may refuse burial to any person when deemed necessary.
4. No person, or persons, shall be permitted to carry firearms on the premises of the Cemetery with the exception of Military Honor Guards, police officers, or other official uses of the same.
5. Plot owners may not bring dirt, or like material, such as stone, gravel, or sand into the Cemetery. Owners are not permitted to raise the level of the graves or the plot above the current established grade.
6. No vehicle shall enter the Cemetery except by the designated roadways.
7. All plots shall be paid for in full before burial or markers are installed. No sign indicating a plot or gravesite is for sale shall be permitted on the Cemetery grounds.
8. In the event of the removal of human remains from a single grave, the grave space shall remain the property of the plot owner.
9. The Town is not responsible for theft or damages to any personal property including grave markers, artifacts, personal effects that may be placed on or near interment spaces or elsewhere in the Cemetery.

MONUMENTS

1. Headstones and/or footstones shall be permitted in Blocks A and E only. No other objects will be permitted with the exception of items detailed in the section titled Flowers.
2. Only flat head/foot markers (ground level) will be allowed in Blocks B, C, D, F, G, H and I.
3. The Town is authorized to remove any monuments, headstones, marker slabs, curbing, fencing, trees, shrubs, decorations, or other objects placed on any plot in the Cemetery contrary to the provisions of these published rules and regulations.
4. Proper notice shall be given to an authorized official of the Town by a representative of the monument company prior to installation.

FLOWERS

1. The family of the owner of a plot will be responsible for the removal of fresh flowers no more than 14 days following interment. In the event flowers are not removed in the prescribed period, the Cemetery reserves the right to remove all flowers, wreaths, or other similar items when said items become withered or in a deteriorated condition. This provision shall include artificial flowers.
2. The Town reserves the right to remove decaying or dead flower arrangements and artificial flowers that are in a deteriorated condition.
3. Baskets, glassware, crockery, wire, metal, glass vases, boxes containing artificial flower wreaths, or any items of the same will not be permitted.
4. Only memorial bronze and metal vases, or permanently attached vases, may be used throughout the entire cemetery, except for special occasions (see below). Floral arrangements are limited to one arrangement per marker, unless said marker has provisions for an additional vase or vases. The Town reserves the right to remove any unauthorized flower receptacles.
5. Potted plants and easels can only be used on special occasions: Easter Sunday, Mother's Day, Father's Day, All Saints' Day, Christmas Day, Memorial Day, Valentine's Day, Veterans Day, and immediately following an interment.
6. The American Flag shall be permitted to fly on a plot throughout the year so long as the flag is displayed to honor a deceased veteran. The flag must be secured either by a flag holder or within an approved vase. Height of the flag should not exceed two and one-half feet. No flag other than the flag of the United States of America shall be permitted on the grounds of the Cemetery.

INTERMENTS

1. The Town will not be responsible for opening and closing of graves. This must be coordinated with a Funeral Director.
2. Funeral processions, upon entering the Cemetery, shall be under the guidance of the Funeral Director.
3. No interment shall be permitted, or human remains received, unless the plot has been validated by the Town Clerk/Treasurer or other authorized Town official.
4. Only one interment (including cremains) will be allowed per plot, with the exception of the following:
 - A mother and infant
 - Two children in one casket
5. A vault that meets the requirements of both state and local regulations is required for all burials. Vaults may not be installed prior to interment, typically no earlier than 24 hours.