

OLATHE CEMETERY DISTRICT
OPERATING RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. Operation and maintenance of the Olathe and Ash Mesa Cemeteries.

A. Sale and purchase of lots; opening and closing graves:

1. All purchased lots within the Olathe Cemetery District shall become vested in the purchaser. Burial lots shall be conveyed in parcels of land which are five (5) feet wide and ten (10) feet long. No burial lot shall be utilized as the situs of more than one grave, the exceptions being a mother and child interred together or two children interred together. Such exceptions must be approved by the Cemetery Manager.

2. The purchaser shall have no right to sell, deed or otherwise convey such lots purchased to any person other than the Olathe Cemetery District. Should the Board of Directors so desire it may act as agent for the reconveyance of such lots for the purpose of assuring a complete record be available to the Board of Directors accurately reflecting the identity of the owner of each cemetery lot.

a. No burial lot shall be utilized as a grave site for the remains of any person other than the purchaser or a member of the family of the purchaser.

3. The purchaser will be informed of the purchase price of each lot and the charges for opening and closing the grave at the time of the purchase.

4. Lots will be paid for at the time of purchase.

5. Grave opening and closing will be paid for in advance.

a. No grave shall be opened without first giving reasonable notice of intent to open said grave to the Manager of the Olathe or Ash Mesa cemetery who shall then identify the exact physical location of the grave site and record the day and date of the grave opening.

6. If, in the case the purchaser dies and the heirs for the grave lot or lots cannot be ascertained at a later date or the purchaser dies without heirs, the lots will revert by Colorado Statue or other operation of law to the Olathe Cemetery District.

B. Markers, monuments, ornamentation and decoration:

1. All monuments or markers shall be set under the direction of the Cemetery Manager or by employees under the direction of the Manager and shall be responsible for the proper placement. At least one cemetery employee shall attend the placement of a monument or marker. All monuments shall have a

border around the base which is at least six (6) inches wide and four (4) inches deep.

2. A monument or marker shall be set at the head of the grave and the lettering shall face west. Other markers or monuments must be set flat.

3. Markers and monuments must be made of granite or marble the base of which is at least ten (10) inches wide. Permission of the Cemetery Manager is required for a monument more than thirty-six (36) inches long. Grave footstones must be placed even to the surface of the ground.

4. Families of military veterans will be responsible for payment of the foundation for the marker.

5. The Olathe American Legion will provide flag holders for monuments and markers.

6. Flowers may be placed on any grave anytime of the year.

7. Plastic flowers must be placed on such containers or in such manner that they will not be blown away from the grave by the wind.

8. Wilted flowers or flowers carried away from graves by the wind will be disposed of in the trash. Cemetery employees will not be responsible for any artificial flowers that are lost, stolen or blown away.

9. No ironwork, wire work or any other ornamental structure shall be placed upon or around any burial lot nor shall any curbing be placed above the surface upon or around any burial lot. No boxes, shells, stones boulders, toys, ornaments, chairs, settees, non permanent vases, glass containers, urns, fences, wood or other articles are permitted. Permanent vases are allowed if mounted in cement with a minimum of a three inch border flush with the ground and located within six inches at the end of the monument or if constructed as an integral part of an authorized monument.

10. Burial lot owners must consult the Cemetery Manager before planting any vegetation anywhere on the cemetery including their purchased lot or lots or making any other alterations to the grounds.

11. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on the cemetery grounds is prohibited and legally punishable except as a salute by the firing squad of an honor guard at a military funeral and then only with the approval of the Cemetery manager or a law enforcement officer in the line of duty.

12. The Cemetery shall have the right to remove any and all the items, decorations, flowers or plantings that interfere with mowing, trimming or which block existing sprinkler heads. The District shall not be held liable for removal or such items or for damage that may result to decorations, monuments,

markers, head stones, foot stones during the normal mowing, trimming or other operations of cemetery employees while performing their employment duties unless negligence can be proven. The District may pay 50% of the cost of repair or replacement of negligently damaged monuments, markers, head stones or foot stones up to a maximum amount of \$500.

II. Amendment Procedure

A. The Olathe Cemetery District may only be amended by the Olathe Cemetery Board of Directors meeting in a legal, regularly scheduled session. Any amendment(s) will require a majority vote of the Board. The effective date of the amendment(s) will, unless otherwise stipulated by the Board will be the date of session in which they have been approved.

These Olathe Cemetery Rules and Regulations reviewed and accepted by resolution of the Olathe Cemetery District Board of Directors on the 13th day of March, 2017.

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