**Sisseton Cemetery Association**

**General Rules and Regulations**

1. **General Rules**
* \*Visitors are required to drive only on designated driveways. Vehicles should not exceed the speed limit of ten (10) miles per hour
* \*No dogs, cats, horses, or other domestic animals are permitted in the cemetery except when requested and approved for a funeral service
* \*Visitors are forbidden to pick flowers, injure shrubs, trees, or plants, or to mark or deface monuments, stones, or structures in the cemetery.
* \*Cut flowers, artificial flowers, and wreaths are only permitted for one week after a funeral. (Management reserved the right to pick up and dispose of any remaining flowers at any time).
* \*No firearms are allowed in the cemetery. The exception being for military rites at funerals or burials, or on Memorial Day Celebrations
* \*No alcohol is allowed on the cemetery grounds and smoking is discouraged.
1. **Gravesites**

***Lots***

* \*All lots sold shall be owned and used for burial purposes only
* \*The Cemetery Association will make every effort to protect the right of the lot owner, but distinctly disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control, especially from damage caused by the elements, an act of God, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief-makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, and the like.
* \*All work of opening or closing of graves may only be done by the person pre-approved by the Cemetery Association.

 *Graves*

* \*The internment of two bodies in a grave is not allowed, except in the case of an adult and infant, two infants buried at the same time, or cremains.
* \*In order to maintain a high standard of care and to eliminate sunken graves, all adult graves shall be made in a permanent type outer burial container. Burial containers must be reinforced fiberglass, concrete, marble, granite, or steel construction.
* Disinterment fees of $1000 (non-refundable) will be made to the Cemetery Association and done prior to any grave being reopened (casket or remains))
	+ The family is responsible for the removal and replacement of all headstones needed to accomplish the project
	+ Family is responsible for any scaring of the landscape
	+ Family must work with Cahill Mortuary for licensing
	+ Family must work with Curt Myrum for the dis-internment and contract with him for his professional fees.
	+ The sexton would issue a receipt and permission for the disinterment
* Cremations
	+ Cremains of one or two bodies are allowed in a lot, but only one headstone or monument is allowed.
	+ \*A burial container, box or urn, is optional for cremains and decided by the family.
	+ \*Burial of cremated remains (cremains) will be permitted but, The Sisseton Cemetery Association must be notified. Scattering cremains in the cemetery is not in keeping with the reverent disposition of remains that the cemetery requires.
* \*There shall be no individual planting of shrubs, trees, or flowerbeds on the grounds except by the Cemetery Board
* \*Individual plants and flowers may be planted in suitable urns in the foundations of the headstone.
* \*There will be no shepherd hooks, plant stands, planters, chairs, curbs, fences, so-called ornaments, solar lights, or other enclosures unless they are permanently attached. (They usually become unsightly and therefore forbidden).
* Any decoration may be removed at any time at the discretion of the Cemetery Association

***Monuments***

* \*No monument, stone or permanent marker, may be set until the Cemetery Board or their designated agent has been contacted in order that proper setting of the stone can be supervised.
* \*Monuments must be within the lots and cannot extend into walk or driveways. Stones, monuments, and markers shall be in as straight a row with existing monuments or markers as possible.
* \*Headstones and monuments cannot be made up of wood, artificial stone, field rock, tin, or iron.
* \*Headstone, monuments, or bases cannot be more that 4 feet for a single lot, or 7 feet for a double lot.
* Headstone, monuments, or base size cannot be more than 3 feet on a 4 foot base for a single lot, and 6 feet on a 7 foot base for a double lot. The height of a headstone or monument shall be no higher than 3 feet.
* \*Foundations shall be of adequate depth to support the monument or marker.
* \*It shall be the responsibility of the grave or lot owner to straighten a monument or repair damage that is a result of causes beyond reasonable control, such as an act of God,
* \*If the monument had been placed previous to burial, it will need to be moved for burial at the expense of the lot owner.
* No flat stones are permitted because of maintenance issues.
1. **Memorial Day**
* \*Flowers in pots or planters, artificial flowers, sprays, wreaths, and other decorations may be placed on lots and burials during the holiday.
* \*The Cemetery Association shall not be responsible for flowers, floral pieces, basket, and planters during the period.
* \*Flowers, planters, sprays, wreaths, and other decorations may be planted one week before and one week after Memorial Day.
* Notice of dates for the placement of decorations in the form of an advertisement will be placed yearly in the Courier or on the Website
* \*After that stated date, decorations, flowers, pot, planters, artificial flowers, sprays, or wreaths will be removed and discarded by the cemetery board.
1. **Maintenance**
* \*The Sisseton Cemetery Association will undertake to maintain, as may be practical, the planting of trees, and shrubs and maintain landscape features,
* \*The Sisseton Cemetery Association will not undertake to maintain individual urns and vases or monuments.
* \*The Sisseton Cemetery Association will be responsible for mowing and maintenance of ground as time, labor, finances, and weather permits
* \*The Sisseton Cemetery Association will take bids for the following work:
	+ Repairs, spraying, mowing, road work, tree planting, purchasing of dirt, sand, gravel, and trees
	+ The board must meet and approve all bids over $1000.
	+ The Board reserved the right to accept or reject all bids, subject to proof of insurance.
1. **Other**
* \*The Cemetery Association hereby expressly reserves the right to adopt additional regulations or to amend, alter, or revise any rule at any time without notice.

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