

OAK GROVE CEMETERY REGULATIONS

FIRST. That the said lot shall not be used for any other purpose, than as a place of burial for the dead; and no trees within the lot or border shall be cut down or destroyed, without consent of the said Board.

SECOND. That the proprietor of said lot shall have the right to erect monuments, cenotaphs, or stones, commemorative of the dead; or to cultivate trees, shrubs or plants in the same, subject to the approval of said Board.

THIRD. That if any trees, shrubs or other objects, including rubbish, waste paper or other material, shall become in any way detrimental to the adjacent lots or avenues, or dangerous, inconvenient, or unsightly, it shall be the duty of said Board for the time being, to enter upon said lot and remove said tress, shrubs, material or objects, or such parts thereof as are dangerous, inconvenient or unsightly,

FOURTH. That if any monument, effigy, cenotaph or other structure whatever, or any inscription be placed in or upon said lot which shall be determined by a majority of said Board for the time being, to be offensive or improper, the said Board, or a majority thereof, shall have the right, and it shall be their duty, to enter upon said lot and remove said offensive or improper object or objects.

FIFTH. No fence shall at any time, be erected or placed around said lot; nor shall any curbing be placed on or around the same, the materials or design of which shall not first have been approved by said Board.

SIXTH. No tomb shall be constructed or allowed within the bounds of the Burial Ground, unless by special permission of said Board, and in such place or places and in such manner as said Board shall direct.

SEVENTH. The said lot shall beholden subject to all by-laws, rules and regulations, made and to be made by the said Board, in pursuance of authority granted to them in and by any ordinance or ordinances of the Town of Oak Bluffs.

Special Town Meeting 2/16/1989 – Article 10 – Amended

Article 10. Voted to adopt the following rules and regulations for the Oak Bluffs Cemetery Department:

1. All interments shall be in a permanent container such as cement or bronze vaults or in a concrete sectional vault.
2. All interments and removals are made subject to orders and laws of properly constituted authorities or town, county and state.
3. Cemetery officials shall be notified prior to interments.
Cemetery officials must have one week's notice prior to removals.
4. Once a casket is interred within the Cemetery, no one shall be permitted to open it without a Court Order.
5. All Cemetery lots must be paid for at time of purchase and no interment will be made until said lot is paid for.
6. No interment shall be made in any lot other than of the family of the lot owner unless written permission is furnished by the surviving heirs.
7. It is the duty of all lot owners to notify Cemetery Officials of any change of address.
8. A lot purchaser acquires only the right to burial and is subject to rules and regulations.
9. The present cost of one grave lot is Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) and holds two interments.
- 9A. The present cost of one Cremation lot is One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$200.00).
10. All granite corner bounds shall be level with the present grading.
11. No granite or cement curbing or mounding of individual lots shall be permitted in the Oak Grove Cemetery other than its original grading.
12. The Cemetery Commissioners are empowered to enforce all rules and regulations. They shall have supervision and control of all persons in the Cemetery, including the conduct of funerals and traffic.
13. No work or planting shall be done in the Town Cemetery without the permission of the Commissioners.
14. All monuments shall be set on four (4)-foot deep cement foundations in the cemetery, and all markers at minimum of two (2)-foot deep markers.
15. Cemetery officials have the authority to remove from lots all articles hereafter placed that do not conform to the standards maintained.
16. A Funeral Director must be in attendance during all interments.
17. The Town of Oak Bluffs disclaims responsibility for any damage or injury to any monument or marker in the cemetery.
18. Anyone owning and wishing to sell a cemetery lot must turn it back to the Town. The person selling will be paid what they originally paid for the lot and the Town will resell at the prevailing price.
19. Cemetery lots will be sold to residents or taxpayers only in the Town of Oak Bluffs or those born to a resident of Oak Bluffs or raised in the Town.
20. All deeds must be recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk.