

## **CEDAR HILL CEMETERY DISTRICT**

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## **BURIALS, MONUMENTS & GROUNDS POLICY**

**Effective January 1, 2022**, the following policy regarding care, maintenance and use of the cemetery grounds has been approved:

### **Burials**

No interment of any remains or cremains shall be permitted without the prior receipt of all proper documentation and fees (see Exhibit A). Interment shall be permitted on Cemetery property provided at least seventy-two (72) hours notice of such interment has been received by the Cemetery Sexton. The opening and closing of gravesites shall be performed and/or contracted by Cedar Hill Cemetery exclusively upon receipt of the proper fees (see Exhibit A). One full burial plot (5'x10') can accommodate one casket and one set of cremains OR two sets of cremains; only one upright headstone and an additional ground-level flat stone is allowed. One cremation burial plot (5'x5') shall only accommodate one set of cremains.

### **Plot Purchases**

See fee schedule at Exhibit A

### **Vaults & Containers**

Vaults are not required for burial of remains or cremains. If a vault is to be used, Sexton must be notified of the exact dimensions of vault. Any non-typical cremain urns will require notice and approval by Sexton prior to burial. All cremains must be in a closed container.

### **Plot Barriers and/or Borders**

Burial plots shall not be edged in ornamental iron or in any other above-ground level manner sectioned off; however, upon Board approval, contiguous plots of 8 or more may be bordered/edged with a ground-level concrete curb. Contractor and specs of said concrete border shall also be Board approved. Existing cement barriers or rock walls that deteriorate will not be replaced, but rather removed, the ground leveled out and grasses planted.

### **Disinterments**

The movement of remains or cremains already interred in the cemetery is forbidden without proper fees (see Exhibit A), Colorado State permits, certifications, and/or court documents. Any arrangements for movement of remains or cremains must be requested

in writing to the Cemetery Sexton; must be approved by the Cemetery Board; and must be performed under written contract between the responsible party and the Cemetery Sexton. Disinterments may require the closure of the cemetery or parts thereof and therefore requires proper notice, after all contracts and State approved certifications have been completed. Should the Cemetery Sexton not wish to conduct the disinterment, notice will be given to the responsible party and they may have the option of contracting service to a licensed funeral home. Such assignment and disinterment shall be with the approval and coordination of the Cemetery Sexton.

## **Monuments**

### **Headstones**

Headstones shall be placed at the west end of the plot, with burial to east of stone. Headstones may be raised (not to exceed forty-eight (48) inches in height) or flat. Neither headstone nor its foundation shall be wider than fifty-four (54) inches. Headstones must be set on foundations. Any headstone larger than these measurements must be requested through a formal variance process with the Cemetery Board (see Exhibit C for variance form). Existing headstones taller than forty-eight inches have been grandfathered in and restoration and/or repair is permissible upon notification to the Sexton. If a headstone sinks into the ground, it shall be the responsibility of the owner to have the monument raised to proper elevations or reset. You may make arrangements with the Sexton/Caretaker to perform such work under separate negotiation and contract. Wood markers will not be permitted. Metal markers provided by the funeral home for temporary identification will be permitted until a permanent marker can be installed. Non-typical markers must be approved by the Board prior to installation.

### **Footstones**

Footstones shall be placed at the east end of the plot, with burial to west of stone. Footstones shall be flat, recessed to ground level. This is for proper grounds maintenance. It is recommended that footstones be set in or on foundations. If a footstone sinks into the ground, it shall be the responsibility of the owner to have the monument raised to proper elevations or reset. Arrangements may be made with Sexton/Caretaker to perform such work under separate negotiation and contract.

### **Use of Monument Companies or General Contractors**

All monument companies or any other workers hired by owners to perform work or service on the cemetery grounds SHALL contact the Sexton PRIOR to performing any work. It is the duty of the Sexton to properly identify the location of the grave where marker is to be set and to mark same for monument installation. It is the responsibility of the owner to advise the contractor of this policy. Names and phone numbers of monument companies that have provided work in the cemetery may be obtained from the Sexton (see Exhibit B). No monument is to be installed without the PRIOR knowledge and approval of the Sexton. This is to insure proper placement and recordation in the permanent records.

## **Movement of Monuments**

Movement of any existing headstone, footstone, or memorial marker is strictly forbidden. Advanced written approval must be obtained from the Sexton prior to any relocation of monuments. The Sexton shall be responsible for correction of any and all records indicating the new location of the marker.

## **Grounds Policy**

### **Grass and Irrigation**

The cemetery shall strive to have grass and irrigation in all usable portions of the grounds. Due to Colorado Water Law the cemetery is allowed only so much water. Should there not be enough irrigation water for the entire summer season it will be the decision of the Caretaker as to where the available water shall be apportioned. No ditch or water right of way is to be disturbed or hampered in any fashion. Due to poor soil conditions and rocky soil some areas of the cemetery are not as grassy as others. Use of pesticides, fertilizers or other ground treatments is PROHIBITED without the approval of the Caretaker PRIOR to such application. The use of lava or other ornamental rock is prohibited. Other than approved landscaping shrubbery, trees or flowers, the plots are to be grass.

### **Trees, Shrubs or Flowers**

Owners are encouraged to plant trees, shrubs, and/or flowers at the cemetery. However, landscaping with plants or trees must be approved by the Caretaker prior to planting. The Caretaker must approve any trimming of vegetation or trees and the owners shall be responsible for removal of all debris from such pruning or trimmings. The cemetery provides trash containers. No removal of any existing vegetation shall be permitted without the PRIOR approval of the Caretaker. It is recommended that you contact the Caretaker as to what types of plants and trees to use in your landscaping. The Caretaker will make every effort to help maintain and care for your landscaping, however extra watering, weeding or other care cannot be provided. The plants, trees or flowers selected to be planted need to be of such variety as to maintain their health with only the use of irrigation water absorbed from grass watering. The following vegetation is not permitted:

- a) Trees bearing fruit of any kind
- b) Climbing vines or plants, including roses
- c) Ground covers

### **Decorations**

The Caretaker shall periodically remove any old, ragged, faded, dead, out-of-season, broken or offensive decorations from gravesites. **No glass of any type will be allowed.** If glass containers are used the Caretaker shall remove it. Flowers in proper containers are encouraged. No containers shall be buried in the ground. All decorations and containers must be above ground and removable to allow for proper ground maintenance. Please do not use spikes or wire to secure your decorations to the ground. If you need to secure them, do so to your monument. Buried spikes and wire, as well as, glass

containers are a safety hazard to the Caretaker and wildlife. **Cedar Hill Cemetery and its employees will not be held liable for the loss of or damage to items left at burial plots.**

### **Other General Policies**

**Parking** – Parking shall be at the side of the roadway. When visiting the cemetery please park to the far side of the roadways so as to allow other traffic to pass.

**Pets** – Dogs must be kept on a leash and picked up after.

**Trash** – Please use trash containers for small debris only. If you clean your plot and have a large amount of landscape debris, notify the Caretaker for removal to the main dumpster or burn pit. Large cardboard boxes or other debris needs to be placed in large dumpster and not the smaller trash cans.

**Historic Preservation** – The utmost respect shall be observed in the preservation of the historic markers.

**Hunting** – No hunting allowed.

**Wildlife** – Wildlife of all types is present in the cemetery and traverse through the cemetery. At times, wildlife can cause damage to and/or will eat plants, trees, decorations, etc. that have been placed at burial plots.

## **Exhibit A**

### **FEE SCHEDULE**

Effective September 18, 2020, the following fee schedule has been approved by the Cedar Hill Cemetery Board:

#### **Plot Purchases --**

To purchase a burial plot there are two fee schedules:

- In-district fees are as follows –
  - Full burial plot (5'x10'): \$400.00
  - Single Cremation plot (5'x5'): \$200.00
- Out-of-district fees are as follows –
  - Full burial plot (5'x10'): \$600.00
  - Single Cremation plot (5'x5'): \$300.00
- An additional charge of \$50.00 per deed will be assessed to cover the administration fees and recordation costs.

#### **Burial Open & Close Fees –**

- Full casket burial – Total due: \$800.00
  - Breakdown of fee -
    - Equipment Rental/Operator: \$450.00
    - Caretaker: \$150.00
    - Additional Gravesite Clean-up: \$200.00
- Cremains burial – Total due: \$300.00
  - Breakdown of fee –
    - Caretaker: \$150.00
    - Additional Gravesite Clean-up: \$150.00

#### **Disinterments –**

- Full casket – No less than \$1,500.00
- Cremains – No less than \$300.00

**MONUMENT COMPANIES CONTACT INFO**

**Morris Monument  
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Delta CO 81416  
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Luke McGaha**

**Carlson Memorials, Inc.  
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Grand Junction CO 81501  
970-242-7264**

**Family Craft Memorials  
537 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.  
Durango CO 81301  
970.247.4571  
Mark Kimsey**

**My Consolation Monuments  
Olathe  
970-787-0971  
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**Snyder-Grand Valley Memorials  
292 - 26 ¼ Rd.  
Grand Junction CO 81503  
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