

2.48.240 **DECORUM.** Cemetery grounds are devoted to the sacred interment and repose of the dead. Strict observance of proper decorum due such a place shall be required of all persons. In order to maintain property safety and reverential dignity, the following rules governing decorations shall be followed:

I. DECORATION of GRAVES and REMOVAL of DECORATIONS:

- A. The City does not assume responsibility or liability for any items placed on graves. The City shall not be responsible or liable for any disposed, lost, damaged, or stolen items, nor for the return of any decorations.
- B. Funeral flowers and floral pieces not removed within seven (7) days of a funeral will be removed and discarded by cemetery staff.
- C. With the exception of holidays, as well as during the deceased's birthday and anniversary of death, decorations are required to be in vases or securely attached to the headstone or mow strip. If placed outside the headstone perimeter at times other than those special occasions and holidays, the City reserves the right to remove and discard the same without notice.
- D. Fences, borders, boxes, shells, toys, metal designs, ornaments, chairs, settees, vases, glass, wood or iron cases, shepherds hooks *, lawn or yard ornaments, porcelain and/or similar articles, whirly-gigs or pinwheels, wind chimes, flags, flag poles, or hanging baskets, etc., are only allowed during holidays, as well as during the deceased's birthday and anniversary of death. If such items are placed outside of the headstone perimeter at times other than holidays or the decedent's birthday or anniversary of death, the City reserves the right to remove the same without notice. (*Note: Shepherd's hooks or similar items cannot extend beyond the outside edges of the mow strip and shall not exceed over forty-eight (48) inches in height).
- E. Decorations may be placed on graves up to seven (7) days prior to any holiday, or birthday or anniversary of the death of decedent. Decorations shall be removed from graves within seven (7) days following any holiday, or birthday or anniversary of death of decedent. Those unable to retrieve such items within seven (7) days may contact the Ground Manager's office for direction. Any decorations not so removed will be discarded by cemetery staff.
- F. Christmas decorations may be placed on graves beginning on December 5th of each calendar year. All Christmas and New Year holiday decorations must be removed by January 5 of each calendar year. Any such decorations remaining after January 5th shall be removed by cemetery staff and discarded.
- G. The Grounds Manager shall have the right and authority to order the removal and disposal of any and all live and artificial plants and flowers, emblems, displays, containers, or other decorations that, through decay, deterioration, or damage have become unsightly litter or pose a maintenance or safety concern.

II. TREES, SHRUBS and FENCES.

- A. Any planting of a tree, shrub, flower(s) or plant by unauthorized individuals is prohibited. The Grounds Manager or his/her designee shall have the authority to prune, remove or transplant any existing tree, shrub, plant or anything on the cemetery grounds when he/she considers such action necessary for proper upkeep of the cemetery grounds.

- B. No permanent fences or borders of any kind, including but not limited to, metal, plastic or resin, hedges, curbing, stone or gravel borders will be permitted around the circumference of grave spaces within the City's cemeteries.