



**Parks and Environmental Services
Pioneer Cemeteries
Rules and Regulations
Effective 10/1/2004**

A. Cemeteries Visitation Hours

Year round public visitation hours at Metro Cemeteries shall be legal sunrise to legal sunset except for unusual or unforeseen circumstances and emergencies for a special event or services, and except as otherwise provided by any park rules.

B. Planting on Graves

Planting of trees, shrubs or any other plant material, except turf grass, on graves or their borders shall be prohibited other than in locations designated by the Cemeteries Supervisor for such landscaping. Except with the special written permission of the Cemeteries Supervisor, only the Cemeteries Supervisor or those employees or contractors working under his/her direction may plant any plants, build any permanent or temporary structures, or open and close graves in Metro Cemeteries. Except as otherwise permitted by the Cemeteries Supervisor, no one shall place any articles of personal property upon graves. Personal property placed on any grave, will be forfeited and shall be removed by the cemeteries staff and disposed.

C. Placement of Flowers

All flowers and easels placed at any burial site at the time of a funeral shall be removed no later than three weeks after the funeral, either by the family or their representative, or by cemeteries staff. All flowers placed on graves on Memorial Day shall be removed within seven days after Memorial Day either by the persons placing them there or by cemeteries staff. Artificial flowers and plants shall not be placed on graves between March 1st and November 15th of each year, except for a period of one week designated for Memorial Day observance by the Cemeteries Supervisor. No person, whether or not a grave or niche licensee shall pick or cut any foliage, break any limb of any tree or shrub in any cemetery or remove any tree or plant from any cemetery except with permission from the Cemeteries Supervisor. This regulation shall apply to all flowers, trees, and plants brought into the grounds by friends or relatives of a deceased person as well as to those furnished by the department.

D. Memorials, Materials and Location

No person shall place within Metro Cemeteries any memorial made of any material other than marble, granite or natural stone or bronze metal. All memorials must be flush with the surface of the ground, and all flush memorials shall be no wider than the grave. Prior written permission of the Cemeteries Supervisor must be obtained for memorials not conforming to this section.

E. Flat and Upright Memorials, Foundation and Bases

All memorials shall be properly supported with a foundation/collar made of concrete three inches in width, flush with the ground, having no beveled edges. Each foundation or collar must be marked with the grave, lot and block number of the cemetery in which it is placed. Upright memorial bases shall not be larger than the following dimensions (1) on a single grave lot, eighteen inches by thirty inches; (2) on a two grave lot, eighteen inches by forty-eight inches.

F. Vertical/Upright Stones or Monuments

With the exception of vertical/upright stones and monuments existing upon the adoption hereof, no grave shall be memorialized with any ledger style stone or any head or foot stone or other monument in any vertical/erect or upright position, except with the written permission of the Cemeteries Supervisor, or as set forth in the grave license.

G. Repairing Monuments or Memorials

No repairs, restoration or improvements to any monument, headstone, cornerstone, marker or other property on graves in Metro Cemeteries are permitted without the approval of the Cemeteries supervisor. Approved repairs, restoration, or improvements shall only be done by skilled or trained people in such techniques. All costs for such repairs, restoration, or improvements shall be the responsibility of the Licensor.

H. Monuments or Memorials Removal

After any monument, headstone, cornerstone, marker of other property has been placed on any grave sold in Metro Cemeteries, it is unlawful to remove the same except with written authority from the Cemeteries supervisor. It shall be a violation of this chapter for anyone willfully to damage any such property in metro Cemeteries.

I. Grave Enclosure

The placement of improvements or cornerstones indicating the boundaries of graves, including fences of any kind, walls, coping or curbs of brick, stone or marble, whether permanent or temporary, is prohibited. If an enclosure is placed on any grave, it will be deemed forfeited and shall be removed by the Cemeteries staff and disposed of without notice.

J. Domestic Animal Restriction

Except for “dog guides”, “Dog guide trainees”, “hearing aid dogs”, “hearing aid dog trainees”, “assistance animals”, and “assistance animal trainees” all as defined by ORS Chapter 346.610 et seq., and except as required by any other law, no person shall bring a dog or other domestic animal into metro Cemeteries on or off leash or within a motor vehicle, except as may be specifically allowed by the Parks Director or his/her designee.

K. Sacrificial Offerings

Sacrificial offerings within Metro Cemeteries must receive approval by the Cemeteries Supervisor prior to performing such offerings.

L. Metal and mining devices

No person shall use any metal or mining locating devices of any kind in any of Metro's pioneer cemeteries.