

The Cemetery Bylaw Regulations

Part I General Matters

Short Title

1. These regulations may be cited as The Cemetery Bylaw Regulations.

Purpose

2. The purpose of these Regulations is to provide for the efficient management, regulation and control of municipal cemeteries within The City of Saskatoon.

Definitions

3. In these Regulations:
 - (a) “authorized decision-maker” means an authorized decision-maker within the meaning of *The Funeral and Cremation Services Act*, S.S. 1999, c. F – 23.3;
 - (b) “casket” means a rigid container designed for the encasement of a body for interment, entombment or cremation and usually constructed of wood or metal, also referred to as a coffin;
 - (c) “*The Cemeteries Act*” means *The Cemeteries Act, 1999*, S.S. 1999, c. C-4.01;
 - (d) “Cemetery” means Woodlawn Cemetery or Nutana (Pioneer) Cemetery, unless otherwise specifically stated;
 - (e) “Cemetery Bylaw” means Bylaw #6453 being a bylaw of the City to provide for the management and control of cemeteries within the City;
 - (f) “Cemetery Superintendent” means the person designated by the General Manager to be in charge of the cemetery;
 - (g) “City” means The City of Saskatoon;
 - (h) “columbarium” means a structure or building designed for the purpose of storing or interring cremated human remains in sealed compartments or niches and may be part of a building or a free-standing structure;

- (i) “common grave” or “communal grave” means a grave provided for the interment of the remains of several non-related people and containing more than two interments;
- (j) “Council” means the council of the City;
- (k) “cremated human remains” means human bone fragments that remain after cremation, also referred to as “cremated remains” or “cremains”;
- (l) “cremation” means the technical process of using heat to reduce human remains to bone fragments;
- (m) “disinterment” means the removal of human remains or cremated human remains from a grave, columbarium or mausoleum;
- (n) “fixture” means any item that is attached to a Monument including vases, statues, pictures, lanterns, metal rods or similar item;
- (o) “flat marker” means a type of Monument set flush with the ground with a flat and level surface upon which an inscription may be made or a bronze plaque affixed;
- (p) “grave” means a plot in a cemetery specifically designated and of sufficient size to accommodate the in-ground interment of human remains or cremated human remains;
- (q) “Holiday” means any of the following days: New Year’s Day, Family Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, Saskatchewan Day, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day, Remembrance Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and any day or part of a day proclaimed a public or civic holiday; and shall include any day which is designated in lieu of one of the aforementioned days;
- (r) “human remains” means a dead human body, but does not include cremated human remains;
- (s) “interment” means the placement of human remains or cremated human remains in a grave, columbarium or mausoleum;
- (t) “interment rights” means a license granted by the City to a person to allow the interment of human remains or cremated human remains in a designated grave, columbarium or mausoleum in accordance with these Regulations, the Bylaw and *The Cemeteries Act, 1999*;
- (u) “Licensee” means a person who has been granted the interment rights for one or more graves or niches within a cemetery owned by the City;

- (v) “Manager” or “General Manager” means the General Manager of the Infrastructure Services Department for the City and shall include any person authorized by the Manager to carry out the Manager’s duties;
- (w) “Military Person” means a person that was at their time of death a serving member or past member of the Canadian Armed Forces, para-military forces (R.C.M.P.) or Allied Forces;
- (x) “Monument” means a memorial structure with inscribed or attached lettering or artwork as a means of commemoration and made of granite, marble, bronze or other approved material;
- (y) “niche” means an individual compartment in a columbarium;
- (z) “Perpetual Care” means the basic maintenance of all graves and includes levelling of the ground and the seeding, cutting and watering of grass as required but does not include the maintenance, repair or replacement of Monuments, markers or foundations;
- (aa) “person” includes a corporation or partnership;
- (bb) “Regulations” means these Cemetery Bylaw Regulations;
- (cc) “upright monument” means a Monument projecting above the ground that is set upon a concrete footing or foundation;
- (dd) “urn” means a container into which cremated remains are placed prior to interment, entombment or scattering; and
- (ee) “vault” means a structural enclosure designed to cover a casket or urn and used to prevent sinking or slumping of graves and usually made of concrete, steel or fibreglass.

Part II

Interments and Disinterments

Office Hours

4. The Cemetery Office at Woodlawn Cemetery shall be open to the public during such days and times as specified by the City.

Notice Required

5. The Cemetery Office shall be notified in advance, during regular office hours, of any interment as follows:
 - (a) May 15 to October 15: a minimum of 24 hours in advance of any interment;
 - (b) October 16 to March 14: a minimum of 36 hours in advance of any interment;
 - (c) this notification excludes Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays; and
 - (d) interments with less than the required notice may be approved at the discretion of the Cemetery Superintendent; however, additional fees shall apply as identified in the approved schedule of fees and charges.

Services Times

6. All interments shall be done under the direct supervision of a cemetery employee, and shall occur at the following times:
 - (a) 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Monday to Friday;
 - (b) 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Saturday (overtime fees apply);
 - (c) 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Sunday (overtime fees apply); or
 - (d) interments outside of these hours may be approved at the discretion of the Cemetery Superintendent; however, additional fees shall apply as identified in the approved schedule of fees and charges.

Telephone Arrangements

7. The City accepts no responsibility for any error or misunderstanding that may arise from interment or other arrangements made by telephone.

Permit Required

8. No interments or disinterments shall be allowed in any grave until the Licensee, the Licensee's legal representative or authorized decision-maker is in possession of a burial permit or disinterment permit, and responsibility for the Cemetery charges have been confirmed.

Approved Vault Required

9. No interment shall be allowed without the use of an approved burial vault in all sections of the Cemetery except for interments of infants and children, and approved vaults must conform to existing City specifications.

Disinterment

10. In the case of any disinterment, the City shall only be responsible for ensuring that the soil is sufficiently excavated to permit safe access to the human remains or urn for removal by the attending funeral home staff.

Mandatory Perpetual Care Contribution

11. (1) The cost of any interment shall include the appropriate contribution to the fund for perpetual care.
(2) No subsequent interment shall be permitted in a grave where there has been no contribution made to the fund for perpetual care; however, subsequent interments in a grave, including of cremated remains, shall be permitted so long as for each interment there is the appropriate contribution made to the fund for perpetual care.

Use of an Adult Grave

12. (1) Two casket interments shall be permitted in a single adult grave provided that the first casket is a deepened interment and at sufficient depth to ensure a minimum of one meter of soil covers the second casket.
(2) Interments of cremated remains are also permitted in an adult grave. The total number of interments in a single adult grave cannot exceed four.

Use of a Cremation Grave

13. A maximum of two interments of cremated remains shall be permitted in a cremation grave.

Use of a Child Grave

14. (1) The use of a child grave shall be determined on the basis of the child being 12 years of age and younger and the casket measuring less than 48 inches in length.
(2) Additional interments of cremated remains may be permitted in a child grave provided that:
 - (a) the grave was previously purchased and used for a child interment;

- (b) the cremated remains to be interred with the child are those of a parent or sibling; and
- (c) the total number of interments does not exceed three.

Use of an Infant Grave

- 15. The use of an infant grave shall be determined on the basis of the infant being one month of age and younger and the casket measuring less than 24 inches in length. No additional interments shall be permitted in an infant grave.

Use of a Military Grave

- 16. The only interments permitted in a Military Grave shall be the Military Person and his/her spouse. No interments of other family members are permitted. In addition, confirmation of eligibility for burial in a military section may be required in writing from the local office of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Discharge of Firearms

- 17. Salutes involving the discharge of firearms shall be permitted only for military funerals and provided that the Cemetery Superintendent is notified in advance. Any use of live ammunition must be approved by the Chief of Police for Saskatoon.

Scattering

- 18. The scattering of cremated remains shall be permitted on graves in the Cemetery provided the deceased is related to the person interred in the specific grave or related to the Licensee. In all other cases where there is no grave of a family member available, the cremated remains may only be scattered in areas designated by the Cemetery Superintendent.

Interment of Indigent Persons

- 19. (1) The City shall provide interment rights free of charge for an unclaimed body or for a deceased indigent person where the City is instructed to provide interment rights free of charge pursuant to the provisions of *The Cemeteries Act, 1999* and any regulations thereto addressing the interment of indigent persons.
- (2) The interment of indigent persons shall occur in single plots, the location of which shall be within the sole discretion of the City.
- (3) No one may install a Monument on a plot utilized for the interment of an indigent person until the Perpetual Care fee as set out the Schedule of Fees listed in Schedule C of the "Cemetery Bylaw".

- (4) No other interments shall be permitted in a plot provided pursuant to this section until the grave price as set out in Schedule of Fees listed in Schedule C of the “Cemetery Bylaw” has been paid.

Exemptions and Exceptions

20. The Cemetery Superintendent may, at his discretion, and where special circumstances exist, make exceptions to these Regulations.

Part III Purchase, Sale and Transfer of Interment Rights

Purchase of Interment Rights

21. (1) A licence to use a grave or niche in the Cemetery may be purchased from the Cemetery office upon full payment of the proper fees (including the fee for Perpetual Care). The Licensee shall have the right to use the grave for the burial of human remains or cremated human remains in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaw and the Regulations, as may from time to time be in effect and shall acquire no other rights whatsoever.
- (2) No person may purchase more than eight graves or niches.

Proof of Interment Rights

22. The use of any grave or niche must be authorized in writing by the Licensee or that person’s authorized decision-maker. The Cemetery Superintendent may request proof of purchase to identify the Licensee of the grave or niche or to prove the right to use the grave or niche.

Refund of Interment Rights

23. A license to use a grave or niche may be cancelled and a refund issued provided that:
 - (a) the request is made in writing from the original Licensee or that person’s authorized decision-maker;
 - (b) the grave or niche has not been used for interment; and
 - (c) any markers or Monuments on the grave or niche are removed.

Amount of Refund

24. (1) Refunds for the cancellation of a license shall be issued on the basis of 100% of the opening and closing fees paid and 85% of the grave or niche and Perpetual Care fee paid.
- (2) The rights to a refund, as described in the preceding subsection, are subject to the City being reimbursed for any and all costs in the event that a Monument has been placed on the grave or a niche has been inscribed, or any other similar costs incurred by the City to return the grave or niche to a state where it could be sold to another.

Sale of Interment Rights

25. The license to use a grave or niche cannot be sold by a Licensee.

Transfer of Interment Rights

26. The license to use a grave or niche may be transferred to a family member provided that:
 - (a) the Licensee or his authorized decision-maker advises the Cemetery office in writing of the name and address of the new Licensee; and
 - (b) the associated Cemetery administrative fee is paid in full.

Limits of Perpetual Care

27. The fees for a license to use a grave or niche shall include payment of Perpetual Care; however, the City shall not be bound to expend on any grave in any year an amount greater than the annual interest earned on the amount paid for Perpetual Care.

Availability of Graves

28. Licenses for graves or niches shall be allocated and sold to members of the general public on a “first-come, first-served” basis, provided that the purchaser agrees to adhere to all relevant bylaws and these Regulations.

Request for Specific Graves

29. The Cemetery Superintendent may consider requests for specific graves or graves in specific locations by persons provided that:
 - (a) the request does not disrupt the Cemetery’s maintenance and operating plans; and
 - (b) in case of dispute, the Cemetery Superintendent’s decision shall be final.

Designated Areas

30. (1) Groups or organizations (including ethnic, religious or members of the Canadian Armed Forces) may request to have a number of graves allocated without advance payment in specific areas of the Cemetery, subject to the provisions of this section.
- (2) The location and size of the area shall be subject to the following criteria:
- (a) the graves are not currently needed by members of the general public;
 - (b) the number of graves shall be based on the expected need for the projected remaining years of available graves at the Cemetery;
 - (c) the request does not disrupt the maintenance and operating plan of the Cemetery;
 - (d) the area has not previously been reserved by another group; and
 - (e) in case of dispute, the Cemetery Superintendent's decision shall be final.
- (3) When the Cemetery is sold out of graves to the general public, and some of the allocated graves are unused, the graves shall be re-allocated for sale to the general public.
- (4) Designated cemetery areas may not be used to discriminate against any individual if that individual meets the eligibility requirements and complies with the interment practices for the area as approved by the Cemetery Superintendent.

Part IV Monument Regulations

General

31. In this section, the following definitions shall apply:
- (a) "base" means the lower portion of a two-piece Monument set on a foundation;
 - (b) "die" means the upper portion of a two-piece Monument and the part of the Monument that is placed on the base;
 - (c) "die without a base" means a Monument consisting of a single piece placed on a foundation;

- (d) “foundation” means a pre-cast or poured-in-place pad, usually made of concrete, set at grade, upon which a Monument is placed;
- (e) “length” means the dimension of the Monument as measured from the left edge to the right edge, facing the Monument;
- (f) “width” means the dimension of the Monument as measured from the front edge to the back edge, facing the Monument; and
- (g) “height” means the dimension of the Monument as measured from the top to the bottom.

Approval Required

- 32. No marker or Monument shall be erected, altered or removed without approval from the Cemetery Superintendent.

Approval Process

- 33. All applications for Monuments must be made on the prescribed forms available from the Cemetery Office. Applications shall be submitted to the Cemetery Office during normal office hours only and the payment of the Monument fee is due at the time application is made. Upon approval, a copy shall be returned to the applicant.

Work Initiated Before Approval

- 34. The City accepts no responsibility for any Monument work initiated prior to the approval of the application.

Authorization

- 35. The Licensee or authorized decision-maker of a grave or graves shall be the authority with respect to the requested placement of a Monument on a grave or graves. Persons, other than the Licensee, who make application for the placement of a Monument, do so at their own risk. The City does not accept any responsibility for resolving disputes between surviving family members or friends resulting from the placement of a Monument.

Hours of Installation

- 36. Only Monument work approved by an application submitted to the Cemetery Office shall be carried out, and only during the normal Cemetery Office hours of operation. Any work to be carried out other than during normal scheduled hours of operation requires approval of the Cemetery Superintendent.

Notification and Responsibility

37. Any Monument company employees, contracted employees or authorized individuals carrying out any Monument work in the Cemetery, shall advise the Cemetery Office upon arrival at the Cemetery and shall be responsible for the restoration or repair of any damages to the Cemetery grounds or fixtures resulting from their actions.

Installation

38. The timing of flat marker or foundation installations shall be scheduled by the Cemetery Superintendent. A cut-off date for these installations shall be established each fall and installations not completed prior to the cut-off date shall be honored the following spring. Regardless, the installation of flat markers and foundations for upright Monuments shall not take place until the gravesite is suitably landscaped.

Delivery

39. No Monuments shall be delivered to the Cemetery until:
- (a) the applicant has received a copy of the Monument Application Form with approval signified;
 - (b) the Cemetery Office has been informed, 24 hours prior to delivery, of each Monument or flat marker that is to be delivered;
 - (c) in the case of Monuments to be installed on a foundation, the Cemetery Office has confirmed that the foundation is complete; and
 - (d) in the case of flat markers, the Cemetery Office has confirmed that the gravesite has been landscaped.

Installation Responsibility

40. The City reserves the right to install all foundations for upright Monuments. The Monument company is responsible for the installation of all Monuments on concrete foundations.

Cemetery Layout

41. The City reserves the right to change the design of the Cemetery affecting the placement of existing and new Monuments.

Removal of Monuments

42. The City may remove and dispose of any upright Monument, memorial structure or fixture placed in the Cemetery if such should fall into disrepair or become unsightly. The

City shall forward written notification prior to undertaking this action to the last known address of the Licensee of the grave or next-of-kin.

Surnames

43. The surname inscribed on a Monument must match the surname corresponding to the burial as recorded in the Cemetery Office. Where there is a request for an inscription with a different surname than recorded in the records, the recorded name must either be legally changed or appear elsewhere on the inscription. In this circumstance, the legal name may appear in smaller lettering or be placed in parenthesis.

Non-Interment Memorialisation

44. Where a Monument is to be erected or altered as a memorial to a person not interred in the Cemetery, the inscription must clearly indicate that no burial has taken place.

Inscription Layout

45. Where a Monument is marking more than one grave, it is the responsibility of the person making the application to ensure the Monument's inscription corresponds with the correct sides or location of the burials.

Vandalism

46. Monuments are placed in the Cemetery at the risk of the Licensee of the grave or of the applicant. The City accepts no responsibility for theft or damage resulting from vandalism.

Perpetual Care

47. The City's maintenance of Monuments shall be limited to keeping the ground in such condition that the Monuments remain level and straight.

Maintenance of Monuments

48. The City accepts no responsibility for degrading of the Monuments or markers due to normal wear or deterioration. Minor chipping of the base portion of the Monuments as a result of the turf mowing operation is considered normal wear.

Matching Existing Monuments

49. Applications for Monuments that do not comply with these Regulations but would match an existing or previously installed Monument shall not be approved.

Communal Graves

50. (1) No type of marker or memorial is permitted on a communal grave that contains more than two interments.
- (2) In a communal grave containing either one or two interments, provided no additional interments are permitted, each interment is permitted one flat marker upon payment of the appropriate fees.

Exemptions and Exceptions

51. The Cemetery Superintendent may, at his discretion, and where special circumstances exist, make exceptions to the Regulations with respect to Monuments.

Upright Monuments

52. (1) **Approved Materials**

Granite and limestone are approved materials for upright Monuments or parts thereof. Marble is approved only for use as the die of a Monument or for parts thereof such as vases and statues. Marble shall not be approved as a base.

- (2) **Other Materials**

No Monument or part thereof containing wood or glass shall be approved. Other materials requested for Monuments are subject to prior approval by the City and must be materials recognized as long-lasting and requiring no ongoing maintenance. The onus for testing and proving acceptability for a material shall be on the person making the application.

- (3) **Only One Monument**

In upright Monument areas, only one upright Monument shall be permitted on any grave or portion thereof and it is to be placed at the head of the grave as designated by the City.

- (4) **Base Dimensions**

All bases (or dies without bases) are subject to the following:

- (a) the minimum length of a base shall be 40.5 cm (16 inches);
- (b) the maximum length of a base shall be 15 cm (6 inches) less than the width of the grave or graves to be marked but cannot exceed 229 cm (90 inches) in length;

- (c) the width of a base shall be a minimum of 20.5 cm (8 inches) and a maximum of 45.5 cm (18 inches);
- (d) the base of a Monument in excess of 106.5 cm (42 inches) in length shall have a minimum width of 30.5 cm (12 inches); and
- (e) the height of a base shall be a minimum of 10 cm (4 inches) and a maximum of 46 cm (18 inches).

(5) **Base Finish**

The sides of the base (excluding the top and bottom) must have a rock-pitch finish. Any base with a minimum height of 15 cm (6 inches) shall be permitted a sawn or polished margin. The margin must be made so that a minimum of 10 cm (4 inches) on the bottom of each side is left as a rock-pitch finish.

(6) **Responsibility For Dimensions**

The person making application for a Monument shall be responsible for determining the width of the grave or graves to be marked and ensuring that the maximum length dimensions are observed.

(7) **Die Dimensions**

All dies are subject to the following:

- (a) the overall length and width dimensions of the die (including any fixtures) shall not exceed the length and width dimensions of the base;
- (b) the height of a die shall be a minimum of 10 cm (4 inches) and the maximum height shall not exceed the die's minimum length by more than one-third;
- (c) a die with a minimum width of 10 cm (4 inches) shall be restricted to a maximum height of 46 cm (18 inches);
- (d) a die with a minimum width of 15 cm (6 inches) shall be restricted to a maximum height of 91 cm (36 inches); and
- (e) a die with a minimum width of 20 cm (8 inches) shall be restricted to a maximum height of 137 cm (54 inches).

(8) **Total Monument Height**

A Monument with a maximum base length less than or equal to 107 cm (42 inches) shall be restricted to a maximum total height of 107 cm (42 inches). A

Monument with a maximum base length in excess of 107 cm (42 inches) shall be restricted to a maximum total height of 152 cm (60 inches). Total Monument height is measured from the top of the foundation to the highest point on the Monument (including any fixtures).

(9) **Monument Assembly**

Any upright Monument erected must have the base and die joined, front and back, by use of a non-permanent setting compound. Monuments cannot be permanently attached or pinned to the concrete foundation.

(10) **Monuments Shaped Into Crosses**

Monuments shaped into a cross which have any portion of the die length less than 35 cm (14 inches) or a thickness of less than 15 cm (6 inches) are not permitted.

(11) **Pictures and Photographs**

Pictures are to be countersunk to a depth that leaves approximately 3 mm (1/8 inches) extending from the face or front of a Monument, securely fastened and completely sealed with Monument setting compound. The use of frames, frames and covers or Jadco fasteners and similar installation systems is not permitted.

(12) **Vases and Statues**

All vases and statues must be permanently affixed and positioned so that no part extends beyond the length or width of the base nor extends above the total Monument height. Marble or granite vases shall be restricted to a minimum thickness of 2.5 cm (1 inch) at any point.

(13) **Other Fixtures**

All other fixtures or attachments to any marker or Monument must be specifically approved by the Cemetery Superintendent.

(14) **Central Feature Monuments**

Monuments designed to be a central feature for a recognized section of the Cemetery may be exempt from the size restrictions for marking individual graves. All such Monuments shall require prior approval of the City to determine the aesthetic suitability, overall stability and resistance to vandalism. The City reserves the right to set a minimum standard for the foundation of such a Monument. The parties making application for the Monument shall pay any design or consulting fees necessary to ensure a maintenance-free permanent foundation.

Flat Markers53. (1) **Approved Materials**

Only bronze (anchored to a base of granite or concrete) and granite are approved materials for use as flat markers. Marble shall not be approved as material for flat markers.

(2) **Foot Markers**

When the head of the grave, as designated by the City, is marked by either a flat marker or an upright Monument, no more than one additional flat marker is permitted on the grave and is to be located at the foot of the grave, as designated by the City. All flat markers to be installed at the foot of the grave shall be restricted to granite markers only. Bronze plaques or granite markers with invertible bases shall not be approved as foot markers.

(3) **Bronze Markers**

Bronze plaques (attached to a base of granite or concrete) shall only be approved for installations at the end of the grave designated the head by the City. The base used for anchoring a bronze plaque must be a minimum of 10 cm (4 inches) longer and wider than the plaque and a maximum of 20 cm (8 inches) longer and wider than the plaque and must meet the minimum and maximum dimensions for flat markers.

(4) **Dimensions**

All flat markers are subject to the following:

- (a) the length of a flat marker shall be a minimum of 30 cm (12 inches) and cannot exceed the width of the grave or graves to be marked;
- (b) the width of a flat marker shall be a minimum of 30 cm (12 inches) and cannot exceed 60 cm (24 inches); and
- (c) the thickness of a flat marker that is to be installed flush with ground level, including any base material anchoring bronze plaques, must be uniform and between 7.5 cm (3 inches) and 15 cm (5 inches).

(5) **Vases**

Only invertible vases that can be turned down and placed completely inside the marker shall be permitted on flat markers at the head of the grave. No vases shall be permitted on foot markers.

(6) **Pictures, Statutes and Fixtures**

No pictures, statues or fixtures (other than approved bronze plaques) shall be permitted on any flat marker.

(7) **Flat Markers on Foundations**

All flat markers to be placed on a foundation are considered a base without a die and are subject to these Regulations.

(8) **Assembly**

All concrete work and the anchoring of bronze plaques to bases shall be the responsibility of the person making the application prior to the delivery of the flat marker to the Cemetery.

Military Sections

54. (1) **Restrictions**

Areas designated for the burial of members and veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces and spouses, shall be restricted in Monument material, colour and size as determined by the City.

(2) **Non-Conforming Markers**

The City reserves the right to remove or replace any Monument or marker in the military sections not conforming to the predetermined material, colour and size.

(3) **Material & Colour**

The material and colour for all Monuments and markers in the military sections shall be stanstead grey granite with a steeled finish, similar grey granite may be used only with the approval of the Cemetery Superintendent.

(4) **Dimensions – Upright Military Monuments**

Upright military Monuments are only permitted in the upright military section and one only at the head of the grave. The Monument shall measure 8 cm (15 inches) long by 7.5 cm (3 inches) wide and a sufficient height to allow 81 cm (32 inches) to be above ground and a minimum of 15 cm (6 inches) in the ground for anchoring the cement base. The top must be slightly rounded (not necessarily serpentine).

(5) **Dimensions – Flat Military Markers**

In the military sections, the flat marker shall measure 51 cm (20 inches) long by 30 cm (12 inches) wide and have a thickness of a minimum of 7.5 cm (3 inches) to a maximum of 10 cm (4 inches).

(6) **No Vases or Other Attachments**

No vases or attachments of any kind shall be approved as an addition to, or as part of, any Monument in the military sections.

(7) **Foot Markers**

In the military sections, when the head of the grave, as designated by the City, is marked by either a flat marker or an upright Monument, no more than one additional flat marker is permitted on the grave and is to be located at the foot of the grave, as designated by the City. This marker shall be defined as a foot marker and follow the exact color, material, size and other specifications regarding flat military markers as defined in these Regulations.

(8) **Inscription**

An individual assuming the financial responsibility for marking a grave in the military sections shall have the right to vary the inscription from the standardized format of War Graves Commission headstones, National Defence headstones, Privy Council Order headstones and Veterans Affairs Canada headstones. The inscription shall require approval of the City, and be appropriate and acceptable for display in the military section.

Part V Flowers and Memorialisation

Responsibility

55. All items placed in the Cemetery by the public shall be at their own risk. The City accepts no responsibility for any damaged or missing items.

Permanent Items

56. Only approved Monuments, markers or approved parts thereof are considered permanent items and are permitted to remain in the Cemetery year-round.

Perennials, Trees and Shrubs

57. The City reserves the right to plant and remove any perennial flowers, shrubs and trees and to landscape or carry out any improvements to the grounds.

At the time of Interment

58. All types of flowers and other items are permitted on the grave the day of the burial and shall be left for a period of seven calendar days following interment. Any time after this period, the items shall be removed and disposed of by the City.

Annual Flowers and Flower Beds

59. (1) From April 1 to October 31, the following guidelines apply:
- (a) flowers in containers that are not part of the approved Monument shall be removed and disposed of, however, Cemetery staff shall not remove flowers placed in vases that are part of an approved Monument;
 - (b) flower beds may be planted at the grave (except in military sections) subject to the following guidelines:
 - (i) the City assumes no responsibility for the appearance, maintenance, and fall cleanup of annual flower beds, further, if flower beds are neglected they shall be removed;
 - (ii) the outer edge of the flower bed cannot exceed the width of the concrete foundation or flat marker and cannot extend more than 18 inches out at the center;
 - (iii) the flower bed shall be crescent shaped and located immediately in front of the marker or foundation at the head of the grave only;
 - (iv) only annual flowers that do not re-grow in the spring can be planted in approved flower beds; and
 - (v) any artificial flowers, potted plants, perennials, lawn-edging, non-natural/such items, which includes but are not limited to the following: solar lights, chimes, rocks, stepping stones or other decorative items shall be removed and disposed of by the City; and
 - (c) all other items placed on a grave, flower bed, Monument or concrete foundation are considered temporary and are removed and disposed of weekly by the City.
- (2) From November 1 to March 31, the following guidelines apply:

- (a) all vases in the flat marker sections must be inverted. The City assumes no responsibility for missing or damaged vases or flowers; and
- (b) all items placed at graves shall be removed only as needed to accommodate interments or if deemed hazardous, excessive, or inappropriate by the City.

Decorative Elements

60. (1) To preserve the proper appearance of the Cemetery, the City may remove any memorial or memorialisation when it is objectionable, or its removal is otherwise considered necessary by the City. For clarity, non-natural items, include but are not limited to the following: solar lights, chimes, rocks, stepping stones, flags, poles, or other decorative elements that are not permanent would be objectionable.
- (2) When the City considers any memorial or memorialisation removed pursuant to subsection 60(1) to be of value, the City shall, where the address is known, forward a written notice to the Licensee or authorized decision-maker of the deceased notifying them of the removal of the article and that such article may be claimed within 30 days of the date of the notice.
- (3) If no claim is made to the City after the expiry of 30 days, or where no notice can be given, the City shall dispose of the article.
- (4) The City shall not be responsible for any loss occasioned by any person as a result of the removal of the memorial or memorialisation, or the failure of the Licensee or authorized decision-maker or any other party to claim a removed memorial or memorialisation within 30 days in accordance with this section and the resulting disposal of the memorial or memorialisation.
- (5) Artificial or natural flowers may only be attached to the Columbarium in approved vases, one per niche, available for purchase from the Cemetery Office. Arrangements shall not encroach upon other niches. No other ornamentation or memorial item is to be attached to or hung from the Columbarium or vase. The City reserves the right to remove such items and dispose of them without notice and without liability.

61. **Bench or Tree**

- (1) Any person may, upon completion of the requested application and payment of the appropriate fee, commemorate the life of a person(s) on a memorial tree or bench.

- (2) The memorialisation is subject to the approval of the City, which shall limit such memorialisations to people who are either interned in Woodlawn Cemetery, or who have lived in Saskatoon at some point in their lives.

Part VI Miscellaneous

Most Restrictive Provisions Prevail

62. Where there is a conflict between the provisions of the Bylaw and the provisions of these Regulations or any other legislation, the most restrictive provision shall prevail.

Repeal

63. The previous regulations are hereby repealed.

Signed by The City of Saskatoon this _____ day of _____, 2011.

The City of Saskatoon

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