

Being an ordinance establishing rules and regulations for the government of Shenandoah Cemetery now owned by the City of Shenandoah, Iowa.

Be it ordained by the city council of the City of Shenandoah, Iowa:

SECTION I

That the following rules and regulations are hereby adopted for the government of the above named cemetery and all lots or parts of lots hereafter purchased by any person shall be purchased subject to such rules and regulations.

Rules and Regulations

SECTION II

Rule 1. No person shall have title to any lot or part of lot until the same is fully paid for.

Rule 2. The city council may, at its option, accept the surrender of the unoccupied portion of any lot, repaying to the lot owner, a sum not exceeding the rate per foot paid for said lot when originally purchased, or may credit the number of feet surrendered, at the original cost price thereof upon the purchase of another lot.

No transfer of any lot will be permitted except by operation of law.

Rule 3. Burial of any person, other than the lot owner or a member of his family, on any lot, will be permitted only upon satisfying the City Clerk that no mercenary motive is contemplated in said interment and that it is not intended to evade the letter or the spirit of the prohibition of transfers.

Burial places are not subject to real estate speculation and speculations therein are strictly forbidden.

On lots owned by churches or benevolent societies, burials may be made upon receiving consent of the trustees of such church or society.

Rule 4. All foundations for vaults, monuments, marker or structures of any kind shall be put in under the direction of the city council or its authorized representative. No work shall be erected until the foundations have been approved by the said city council or its authorized representative.

Foundations will be laid in cement; will commence such distance, not less than three and one half (3½) feet below the surface as the city council or its authorized representative deems proper, having regard to the size of the proposed structure, the character of the soil, the surrounding graves etc., and will be laid to a level top two (2) inches below the sod line at its lowest point and the base of the monument or other structure shall rest directly upon the foundation so laid.

Rule 5. Growing trees, bushes and shrubbery shall be under the control of city council.

Flower beds and vases for growing flowers, to be cared for by lot owners may be allowed by securing a permit from the city council, who shall have kept a record of all such permits.

Rule 6. The owner of a lot, or his authorized agent, (provided he shall not receive remuneration), shall have the privilege of caring for his own lot in strict compliance with the rules and regulations, otherwise no work of any kind will be permitted in the cemetery except by a person authorized by the city council or by his employees or by special written license from said city council.

Any person doing or attempting to do unauthorized work, will be considered a trespasser and punished accordingly.

Rule 7. All lots, the care of which is provided for by a deposit in the perpetual care fund, will be mowed regularly with a lawn mower, seeded and kept neat and clean, the expense being defrayed by the income derived from the perpetual care fund.

The owners of all other lots shall pay annually, to the city clerk for mowing, seeding and cleaning at the rate of two and one half (2½) dollars per lot; said amount due and payable on or before May 1st of each year.

Rule 8. Should any monument, marker or coping, from any cause become unsightly or delapidated, the city clerk shall notify the owner of the lot, if known, to repair the same—and after a reasonable time if such repairs are not made, he shall have the right to make such repairs, and make a reasonable charge for the work or remove said monument, marker or coping from the lot.

Rule 9. Should any lot owners be or become a non-resident of Shenandoah, or in the event of his death, should all of his heirs be or become non-residents and no one having been appointed resident agent to control interments thereon, then, in that event, the city council may recognize any relative or

family friend in controlling interments, and the city shall be responsible only for good faith in making such recognition.

Rule 10. All owners of lots shall be subject to the "General Rules and Regulations" of the cemetery, and to all other rules which may hereafter be made and approved by the city council, except that no existing graves shall be disturbed only for the purpose of reinterment at the request of surviving relatives.

Rule 11. No personal discrimination shall ever be made between lot owners, nor between intending purchasers of lots; but the privileges of the cemetery shall at all times be open to all persons without distinction and upon equal terms.

General Rules and Regulations

SECTION III

Rule 1. All graves less than four (4) feet in length shall be five (5) feet in depth; all graves more than four (4) feet in length shall be six (6) feet in depth from the lowest elevation at surface of ground and shall be opened and closed only by persons authorized by the city or under the direction of said authorized persons.

Rule 2. Whenever an interment is to be made, a permit must be obtained from the city clerk. The person applying for the permit shall give the following particulars if known:

Name of deceased, place of nativity, date of birth, date of decease, date of interment, disease, name of attending physician, names of parents, whether single, married or widowed, occupation and color.

Rule 3. For injuries to trees, ornaments, fences, etc., within the cemetery persons are liable to prosecution by the city of Shenandoah.

Rule 4. No construction work or heavy hauling will be permitted while the frost is coming out of the ground or when the ground is soft from recent rains.

Rule 5. Lots shall be graded so that, as nearly as practical, a lawn mower may be easily run from adjoining ground onto lot or vice versa.

Rule 6. No person will be permitted to disturb the quiet or the good order of the place in any way. All proprieties due to the sacred character of the grounds shall be observed, and will be enforced on all occasions.

Burial Charges

Rule 9. Opening and closing grave, dirt removed (adult) \$7 to \$8.

Opening and closing grave, removing dirt and setting vault (adult), \$12.00 to \$20.00.

Opening and closing grave, removing dirt, furnishing vault, setting vault (complete interment adult), \$40.00.

Sodding grave only (adult), \$1.50.

Opening and closing grave, dirt removed (child), \$3.50.

Sodding grave only (child), \$1.00.

All disinterments are subject to the following charges:

Opening and closing grave for disinterment and re-interment (adult), \$26.00.

Opening and closing grave for disinterment and re-interment (adult in vault), \$35.00.

Opening and closing grave for disinterment and re-interment (child), \$15.00.

In case of disinterment from single graves for the removal of the remains out of the cemetery or for re-interment in lots belonging to lot owners, no allowance shall be made for the grave vacated, the use of the ground being considered as an equivalent for the amount originally paid.

Rule 10. It shall be the duty of the City Clerk to receive all monies from the sale of lots, from the care of lots, from the opening and closing of graves and from all other purposes mentioned herein.

He shall each month deposit all such monies to the credit of the cemetery fund with the city treasurer, and shall from time to time as the city council may direct properly account for all such monies to the city council.

SECTION IV

Penalty

Any person violating the general rules and regulations of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine in any sum not exceeding One Hundred (100) dollars.

SECTION V.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed April 30, 1920.

Approved April, 30, 1920.

Attest:

J. E. LEWIS
City Clerk.

F. N. HACKETT
Mayor.