



Rules and Regulations

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Definitions: As used in these regulations the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"County" shall mean the County of Riverside and/or County of Riverside Economic Development Agency.

"District" shall mean the Perris Valley Cemetery District.

"Manager" shall mean the Manager of the Perris Valley Cemetery District.

"Burial Rights Owner" shall mean one who has purchased interment rights.

Care of Graves and Cemetery Grounds

- 1) The control of the cemetery grounds is vested in the County of Riverside, site rules and regulations. The following shall be the rules regulating the general care of the graves and cemetery grounds.
- 2) Possession of any open containers of alcoholic beverages on the premises, parking lot, or adjoining sidewalk is prohibited by Riverside County Ordinance 694. Violators are subject to arrest.
- 3) The speed limit on the cemetery grounds is 10 mph.
- 4) No animals are allowed on the cemetery grounds with the exception of service animals and horse drawn hearses.
- 5) No person shall plant any tree, shrub, bush or flower on the cemetery grounds. Donations for trees are acceptable but trees will be selected and planted under the direction of the Manager.
- 6) The Cemetery District is not responsible for any flowers, plants, or decorations left on the graves, nor the maintenance of the flower vases. Additionally, the Cemetery District is not responsible for deterioration of markers or damage to pictures on markers that may be caused by Cemetery equipment.
- 7) Cemetery District policies and regulations may be amended as deemed necessary.

- 8) Flowers may be placed in in-ground vases purchased from the cemetery or in green plastic vases provided at no cost by the cemetery. No more than two vases/containers shall be permitted on any one grave. Potted plants may only be placed on a memorial marker. If placed on the lawn, they will be disposed of by cemetery personnel. Flowers shall be removed as, in the opinion of the cemetery personnel, they become unsightly. Christmas decorations are allowed to be placed on the gravesites no earlier than December 15th, and will be disposed of on the first working day of the New Year. The County is not responsible for any damage caused to these decorations as a result of cemetery operations.
- 9) No persons shall place on any grave any items other than those authorized in the previous paragraph. Unauthorized items along with any item determined by cemetery personnel to be a safety hazard will be removed and disposed of by cemetery personnel.
- 10) No persons shall gather flowers nor disturb growing plants or trespass on any site of which he/she does not hold the Interment Right.
- 11) All persons other than Interment Right holders shall confine themselves to the roads, paths and other public places provided for public use within the cemetery grounds.
- 12) All children must be under the control of their adult companion.
- 13) Except in the excavation for the completion of an interment, no person shall remove any earth or in any way damage the cemetery grounds or leave any grass, earth or rubbish of any kind thereon. Dead flowers and other rubbish must be placed in containers provided for that purpose.
- 14) If any tree, shrub, plant or vine situated on any site shall by reason of root, branches, height, shade or otherwise become detrimental or unsightly to adjacent sites, paths, streets or the cemetery grounds, cemetery personnel may enter such site and remove or trim such tree, shrub, plant or vine as deemed necessary.
- 15) No person shall burn any combustible material within the cemetery grounds.
- 16) No lot or grave shall be defined by any architectural object or by any marker unless approved by the Manager.
- 17) Memorial markers must be made of solid industry standard granite. All memorial markers shall be set only by cemetery personnel. Memorial Markers are the property of the purchaser. Cemetery personnel exercise reasonable caution when working around the memorial markers, however the Perris Valley Cemetery District and the County of Riverside are not liable for any damage caused.

- 18) No labor of any kind shall be performed on the property except by cemetery personnel. Memorial markers manufactures may perform work on the property, with the manager's permission, contingent upon holding harmless the County of Riverside and the Perris Valley Cemetery District for any injury or accident.
- 19) Flush markers must be a maximum width and depth and thickness of 28" x 16" x 3" for single or double interments in a single grave, and 18" x 12" x 3" for cremation and infant gravesites. The markers must have either a 2" sanded or 2" polished beveled edge. You may place either size on a cremation / infant grave space. A maximum of only one memorial marker may be placed on any gravesite.
- 20) The Cremation Niche Island "In Memoriam " end wall shall be restricted to first and last name along with middle initial, and year of birth and death only.
- 21) All graves will be dug to a depth which allows a minimum of 18 inches of dirt to be placed on top of all vaults or liners or cremated remains container. All single adult graves shall be dug to a depth of 62 inches. The lower tier of a dual interment grave shall be dug to a depth of 92 inches. Infant gravesites for domed liners shall be dug to a depth of 48 inches. Cremation sites shall be dug to a depth of 30 inches.
- 22) A minimum container of cloth covered wood casket with handles is required for all interments except cremated remains.
- 23) Standard vaults and liners of steel and concrete shall be used for all interments except for cremated remains.
- 24) No more than two cremated remains may be placed in an in-ground cremains site.
- 25) No more than two cremated remains may be placed in a cremation urn vault. Each cremains container shall not exceed the following dimensions: length 9", width 4.5", height 9".
- 26) No more than four cremated remains may be placed in an adult gravesite.
- 27) No interment shall be made on any of the following holidays: The first day of January, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Interments will normally be made after 9 a.m. and prior to 3 p.m.
- 28) No grave shall be graded or mounded and the top of the grave shall be level with the surrounding lot when fully settled.
- 29) No services in connection with interment will be made until charges for such services as fixed by the County have been paid 5 business days prior to the services being performed unless

authorized by the cemetery Manager, with the exception of established mortuaries, Public Administrator, or Welfare burials.

- 30) No Burial Right holder shall allow any interment to be made in his site for remuneration.
- 31) Except when ordered by a Court, disinterments will be at the discretion of the County. When allowed, cemetery personnel will open the grave and remove or open the vault. A Funeral Director must be on site during the disinterment. The County shall not be responsible for removal of the casket or for any damages to the vault casket or remains.
- 32) Fees and Charges: The County shall establish cemetery fees. A schedule of the current fees shall be available for inspection at all reasonable hours in the cemetery office.
- 33) The County shall establish the amount to be paid by site purchasers for deposit into the endowment care fund in accordance with Section 9065 of the California Health and Safety Code. Such amount paid into the endowment care fund is not refundable.
- 34) Payment into the endowment care fund shall be required for an interment into a site where no payment has been previously made.
- 35) Non-resident fees shall be charged for interment of a person not living or paying property taxes in the District at the time of death that is eligible for burial in a cemetery of the District by Section 9061 of the California Health and Safety Code.
- 36) Legal Provisions: In addition to the provisions established by law for the operation of the District cemetery the following rules and regulations shall apply.
- 37) Interment in the District's cemetery shall be limited in accordance with Section 9060 of the California Health and Safety Code as it now exists or may be hereafter amended. For the purpose of these rules and regulations immediate members of the family of a resident or property taxpayer of the District or former resident or property taxpayer of the District who purchased a Interment Right while resident or property taxpayer of the District are defined as any spouse, by marriage or otherwise, child or stepchild, by natural birth or adoption, parent, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, first cousin, or any person denoted by the prefix "grand" or "great", or the spouse of any of these persons.
- 38) Each purchaser of interment rights shall be issued a certificate of purchase. The interest acquired by such purchaser shall not be an interest in real property but shall simply be the revocable right granted to the certificate holder to use said site for interment purposes in accordance with these rules and regulations. A purchaser may make an assignment of interment rights to members of the purchaser's family as defined in the California Health and Safety Code. Said assignment may be made during the purchaser's lifetime, by will or by

inheritance. Should the transfer or assignment be to a resident or eligible nonresident member they may exercise their acquired interment rights.

- 39) If a certificate holder has no further need for the interment rights, he/she may by written application to the District sell his certificate to the District for the original purchase price.
- 40) The District, its County, all individual members of said County, the Manager and all other personnel of the District shall not be responsible for injury or damage suffered by any persons, in their use of the cemetery grounds. Any person visiting the cemetery shall do so at his or her own risk.
- 41) The County shall employ a Manager and such other employees as it may determine to be necessary in the operation of the District.
- 42) All rules and regulations previously adopted inconsistent with the foregoing are hereby repealed.