

**DUNEDIN MUNICIPAL CEMETERY
2024 RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Dunedin Municipal Cemetery
2400 Keene Road, Dunedin FL 34698
City Clerk's Office: (727) 298-3035**

The Dunedin Cemetery, located on Cemetery Road, Dunedin, is a Municipal Cemetery maintained at the expense of the taxpayers of the City. The total area encompasses approximately 7.75 acres.

I. DEFINITIONS

- A. CITY OF DUNEDIN** - Hereinafter referred to as "City."
- B. PARKS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT** - The Parks Superintendent of Dunedin, hereinafter referred to as "Superintendent", shall also act as overseer of the Dunedin Municipal Cemetery.
- C. BURIAL SPACES** - One burial space is a grave or plot as platted on the approved plat of the cemetery.

Cost:	\$6,018.39	In Ground Grave Space (up to six cremated burials)
	\$3,248.96	Cremorial Niches (double occupancy - 2 cremains)
	\$3,248.96	Cremorial Bench Space
	\$1,637.13	Infant Section

Note: Fees are increased 5% each January per Resolution 08-27; the above noted fees are in effect as of January 1, 2024.

\$50.00 Stake out Fee (This is an additional fee at time of interment.)

- D. MEMORIAL** - Memorial is a marker, tablet, headstone or vase placed on a grave or plot.

II. GENERAL SUPERVISION OF THE CEMETERY

- A.** The Superintendent shall be in charge of the cemetery.
- B.** All funerals, upon reaching the cemetery, shall be under the supervision of the Superintendent. This includes interment of cremains.
- C.** The City shall take reasonable precautions to protect the property rights of the owners within the cemetery from loss or damage; but disclaims all responsibility for the losses or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control, whether the damage is direct or collateral.

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III. INTERMENTS AND DISINTERMENTS

- A.** As well as being subject to these rules and regulations, all interments, disinterments and removals are made subject to the orders and laws of the properly constituted authorities of the City, County and State.
- B.** All interments, disinterments and removals must be made at such time and in such manner as specified by the City, and shall be subject to such charges as may be fixed by the City.
- C.** The right is reserved by the City to require twenty-four (24) hours' notice before any interment. In special circumstances, twelve (12) hours' notice may be given.
- D.** As required by law, no interment shall be permitted until a proper certificate is presented to the City Clerk's Office.
- E.** It is desirable that plot holders include in the cemetery record the names of all those having burial rights in the plot(s).
- F.** The City reserves and shall have the right to correct any errors which may be made in making interments, disinterment's or removals, or in the description, conveyance, or transfer of any cemetery property, either by cancellation of such conveyance and substitution in lieu thereof other property of equal value, and similar location as far as possible, or by refunding the amount of money paid for the property. In the event the error shall involve the interment of remains in such property, the City reserves the right to remove and re-inter the remains to such other property as may be agreed upon.
- G.** The City shall in no way be liable for any delay in the interment of a body where a protest to the interment has been made, or where compliance with these rules and regulations shall not have been followed. Any protest shall be in writing and shall be filed in the office of the Dunedin City Clerk.

In the event that human remains are buried or otherwise deposited in an incorrect location caused by any act of the City, the plot holder waives any claim for damages and agrees that the City's sole legal obligation shall be to relocate such remains to the proper location, if possible.
- H.** Only one full burial interment shall be made in an in-ground grave with vault. Exceptions: A mother and infant, or two children may be buried in one casket.
- I.** One cremated remains may be buried in same space with one regulation casket with vault.
- J.** A maximum of six (6) cremated remains per space is permitted.

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- K.** Cremorial-Niches (2 cremains). Niches provide for the interment of two cremated remains; one in each section. *Engraving of marker is paid by the resident.*
- L.** Memorial benches (2 cremains). Benches provide for the interment of two cremains in one bench. *Benches are purchased separately by the resident.*
- M.** Disinterment shall be made only upon written request or permission of the plot holder, or proper lawful agency and upon written consent of the Superintendent.
- N.** Removal of remains in order that the plot may be sold for profit is prohibited.

IV. TRANSFERS

Holders of burial rights shall not allow interment to be made in any plots under their control for compensation; nor shall any transfer or assignment of any interest therein be made without the consent of the City Clerk endorsed on such transfer, and without payment of such fee as may be required.

V. MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENTS AND DECORATIONS

- A.** All grading, landscaping and improvements of any kind shall be as directed by the Superintendent and all trees, shrubs and herbage of any kind shall be planted, trimmed, cut or removed only by authority of the Parks Superintendent.
- B.** No permanent flower receptacles shall be placed on any grave or plot unless approved by the Superintendent, and unless they are set wholly beneath the level of the lawn. The City is not responsible for floral pieces, baskets or frames in which, or to which, such floral pieces are attached, nor is it liable for lost, misplaced or broken flower vases.
- C.** Holders containing flowers or other decorations will be removed as soon as the flowers fade or wither, and the right is reserved by the Superintendent to make such removal. Christmas wreaths will be removed by January 7 or when wilted. The Superintendent shall keep such holders at the risk of the owner for a period of sixty (60) days and if the owner fails to claim them within that time, he/she shall forfeit all right, title and interest in the holder and the Superintendent shall dispose of it as he/she sees fit.
- D.** The plot holder shall be solely responsible for the maintenance of any fixtures, monuments, gravestones, memorial benches, markers, or any other personal property placed on the burial space or other burial facility licensed hereunder. In the event that any such fixtures, monuments, gravestones, markers, or any other personal property placed at the burial space or other burial facility shall come into disrepair and shall not be

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otherwise maintained or repaired by the plot holder, the CITY shall have no obligation to do so and, if such disrepair or failure of maintenance continues unabated for a period of ninety (90) days, the CITY shall have the right of repair (at the city's expense) or removal of such fixtures, monuments, gravestones, markers, or any other personal property placed on the burial space or other burial facility.

- E.** The plot holder agrees that the City is not liable for any damages caused by vandalism or acts of God upon the premises and any claim therefore is specifically waived by the plot holder.
- F.** No fence, railing, coping hedge, embankment nor ditch shall be used to define a grave or plot.
- G. *Floral Regulations:***
 - 1. Relatives and friends may place cut flowers on a grave or plot at any time, and it shall be the duty of the Superintendent to remove them when they have become unsightly.
 - 2. No trees, shrubs, flowers or plants of any kind shall be planted in the cemetery without the approval of the Superintendent.
- H.** For the purpose of placing any permanent fixture, such as chairs, benches, or any other article, permission must first be obtained from the Parks Superintendent.
- I. *Burial Spaces in Section B:*** No appurtenances of any kind shall be permanently placed upon any plot other than an approved memorial or receptacle.
- J. *Burial Spaces in Section B:*** No lot shall be filled above the established grade, nor any obstruction allowed which will interfere with the proper maintenance of the property.
- K.** The City reserves the right to have removed from any lot anything that conflicts with these rules and regulations.
- L.** No signs, notices or advertisements of any kind shall be permitted in the cemetery unless approved by the Superintendent.

VI. RULES OF CONDUCT

- A.** The Superintendent shall have the power to exclude from the cemetery any person or persons, whose conduct in the cemetery do not, in his/her opinion, meet with accepted behavior.
- B.** Speeds in excess of 10 miles per hour shall not be permitted, and automobiles shall not leave the designated roadways.

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- C. Hunting shall not be allowed in the cemetery.
- D. Injury or defacement in any way of the memorials or trees and plants in the cemetery by any persons shall be prohibited, and such actions will result in prosecution of those responsible.

VII. ADDRESS AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF PLOT OWNERS

It shall be the duty of the property owners to keep the City Clerk informed of their current mailing address and contact information. Notices sent to the address on file shall be considered sufficient and proper legal notification.

VIII. MEMORIALS

- A. **Section B Only:** The marking of each grave or plot is restricted and limited to flat bronze, marble, or granite tablets set flush with the turf, and of such dimensions, materials, design, finish and construction as approved by the Superintendent. Written approval by the Superintendent is required before any memorial may be delivered to the cemetery for installation.
- B. Foundations for memorials shall be built under the supervision of the Superintendent at the cost of the plot holder.
- C. All memorials shall be installed under the supervision of the Superintendent at the expense of the person offering such memorial for installation.
- D. The charges for the building of foundations, installation and maintenance of memorials, if done by the City, shall be reasonable and uniform. No memorial shall be installed until the charges due have been paid in full.
- E. Memorial benches are allowed in the cemetery only in designated areas decided by the Parks Superintendent. No bench may be placed which, in the opinion of the Parks Superintendent, is unsightly or injurious to the appearance of the surrounding area. Every bench shall have a suitable foundation and meet the specifications on file. The Parks Superintendent has the right to remove the bench which does not comply with this section.

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The bench dimensions shall be no larger than 4' 6" length x 2' 6" wide x 1' 6" high. The memorial bench shall not encroach upon the property rights of others.

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IX. SPECIAL CARE

Special care of any plot or grave may be arranged as desired with the Superintendent at the expense of the requester.

X. VISITING HOURS

The cemetery shall be open to visitors from sunrise to sunset each day.

XI. ELIGIBILITY

License for use of cemetery property shall be offered exclusively to bona fide residents of the City of Dunedin, persons who have immediate family members interred in the cemetery and persons who are past elected officials or charter officials of the City of Dunedin. Immediate family members will include: father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, grandparent, great grandparent, grandchild, great grandchild, aunt, uncle, stepfather, stepmother, step grandparent, step great grandparent, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother and half-sister.