

ONALASKA CEMETERY
TWELFTH & MAIN STREET
ONALASKA, WISCONSIN

RULES OF VISITORS

1. Lot owners, their families and friends shall have access to the cemetery at such times as prescribed by the Administrative & Judiciary Committee, one half (1/2) hour before sunrise and one half (1/2) hour after sunset.
2. No person, while in the cemetery, shall pick any flowers, either wild or cultivated, nor break, cut down, or injure any tree, shrub, or flower.
3. No person shall write upon, deface or injure any monument, fence or other structure in or belonging to the cemetery, nor disturb the quiet or good order of the cemetery by noise or other improper conduct.
4. No animals shall be permitted within the cemetery, except within a vehicle, but must remain within the vehicle so long as the vehicle is in the cemetery. A \$25.00 fine for allowing animals in the cemetery other than in an enclosed vehicle will be imposed (except service dogs for the physically or visually impaired).
5. Vehicles in the cemetery shall travel at a slow rate of speed and travel shall be subject to the regulations made by the Administrative & Judiciary Committee as posted in the cemetery (5 MPH). All vehicles are to remain on designated driveways.

RULES AS TO MARKERS, MONUMENTS AND FLOWERS

1. All monuments, markers, vases and planting must be approved by the City of Onalaska Department of Public Works.
2. Monuments or markers are allowed on gravesites except in the "Infant Burial Section" where flush markers are allowed only.
3. Markers on single graves must be 24" in length by 12" in width and not to exceed 6" in thickness, as long as the foundation does not exceed the property lines. All markers will be at the head of the grave.
4. Two (2) grave lots can have either single or double markers of 3' in length by 12" in width, as long as the foundation does not exceed the property lines.
5. Three (3) grave lots may have a monument suitable to the size of the lot, and it must not exceed the property lines.
6. All vaults constructed, lots enclosed, monuments erected and other improvements made, shall be under the supervision of the Administrative & Judiciary Committee.
7. All monuments and markers must be of granite, which has a known reputation for durability and permanence in color. Military markers are acceptable.
8. All foundations must be 6" thick with 4" overlap and have a 1 ½" diameter hole on top for placement of a flowerpot holder. Large monuments may require thicker foundations unless reinforcing is used.
9. The planting of trees and shrubs on newly purchased lots or parts of lots will not be permitted except by approval of the City of Onalaska Public Works Department. No yew trees or evergreens of any kind will be allowed on cemetery lots. If any existing yew trees or evergreens die, they cannot be replaced. If not taken care of properly, they will be removed. Nothing will be allowed to hang from any tree, shrub, monument or marker, etc. (e.g.: bird feeders, windsocks, birdhouses, etc.)
10. Lot owners may remove, under the direction of the City of Onalaska Public Works Department, large trees on gravesites that hinder the full usage of the gravesite. The expense of the tree and stump removal will be paid for by the lot owners.

11. Fresh cut flowers may be used anytime. Containers for cut flowers are to be a type level with the ground surface and not holding water when not in use or of the type to be disposed of when flowers are removed. The planting of perennial flowers is prohibited. If these plants and flowers are not maintained, and when they become unsightly or undesirable, they will be removed by the City without notice.
12. Individual flowerbeds of growing non-perennial plants are permitted but must be of a reasonable size. Flowers can be planted in front of the stone within one (1) foot of the stone over the plot area. In case of doubt, the City of Onalaska Public Works Department should be consulted. If these beds are not maintained and when they become unsightly or undesirable, they will be removed by the City.
13. Potted plants may be set on lots, without disturbing the sod, on special occasions, such as Memorial Day, birthday, anniversary, etc., but if not removed within five (5) days will be picked up and destroyed if unsightly, or preserved for use in beds within the cemetery if suitable. A flower vase as recommended by the cemetery in front of markers or monuments is permissible. Any vase or vase stand that is not in use for one (1) year or more will be removed by the City of Onalaska Public Works Department. Shepherds hooks will be allowed, one (1) per site, and must be at least 24" from the lowest part of the hanging pot to the ground, and installed immediately against the monument. Winter decorations will be allowed after November 15th but will be removed April 15th and destroyed. Other artificial pieces, including grave blankets and wreaths may be used during this period only. Wreaths on wire stands must also be placed at the head of the lot.
14. Artificial decorations are prohibited unless in a vase or pot, when used, will be treated as potted plants. All artificial flowers displayed in the cemetery must be in containers and placed at the head of the grave lot. Any artificial flowers not in containers will be removed from the cemetery by the City of Onalaska Public Works Department. Urns are not permitted on lots sold after the passage of the ordinance codified herein. Existing urns shall be removed by the City as they become unsightly or deteriorated and shall not be placed. However, before such an urn is destroyed or discarded, the last owner of record of the lot shall be notified by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, that such urn has been removed from the grave and will be destroyed unless the owner thereof claims same within thirty (30) days after mailing of such letter.
15. Plants or flowers may not be taken up or removed from the cemetery or cuttings removed from plants without permission from the City of Onalaska Public Works Department or under their direction.

16. Vines that interfere with the proper care of lots or graves and injure the grass will be removed when found objectionable.
17. No benches will be allowed on private lots.
18. All landscaping, care of lots and other work in the cemetery will be done by the City, but it is desired that each lot owner feel free to consult with those in charge of the cemetery at all times. Their advice will be cheerfully given without charge and may be of much value to those contemplating the purchase or improvements to cemetery lots. The City shall retain the ownership of all aisles, including monument aisles.
19. Twice per year, spring and fall, all decorations, natural or artificial are to be removed from grave spaces to allow for the general clean up of the cemetery. Spring clean up will be from March 10th to April 15th. Fall clean up will be from October 15th to November 1st. New summer decorations may be placed after May 15th. New winter decorations may be placed after November 15th.
20. It is urged that lot owners interest themselves in the present and future care of their lots, as a single neglected lot mars the beauty of the entire cemetery.
21. All fees and charges as outlined in the current schedule of fees and charged are payable at the office of the City Clerk, where receipts will be issued for the amounts paid.
22. The City will take reasonable precautions to protect all private property, lots and/or grave owners' property in the cemetery from loss or damage, but it distinctly disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its control and especially from the acts of thieves, vandals and rioters and from all acts of Providence, including wind, tornadoes, hail, snow, rain and frost, whether the damage be indirect or proximate.

RULES FOR INTERMENT

1. Grave(s) shall be dug or interment by the City of Onalaska Public Works Department OR Designee.
2. No cremains may be scattered on private lots or on cemetery property.
3. An approved concrete liner or approved concrete vault shall be required when a body is interred, except cremations.
4. No interment of any body or cremains of any body other than that of a human being will be permitted in the cemetery.
5. Where a human body has been cremated, the cremains may be interred. The Administrative & Judiciary Committee shall make property regulations as to the receptacles and the number of interments allowed on a single lot.
6. If any structure, display or inscription, placed in or on any lot is determined by a member of the Administrative & Judiciary Committee or his/her designee to be offensive or improper in injurious to the appearance of the surrounding lots or grounds, the Administrative & Judiciary Committee or their designee shall have the right to enter upon such lot and remove the offensive or improper object or objects.
7. No tree growing within or beside any lot shall be cut down or disturbed or any structure upon or around any lot be removed or disturbed without the consent of the Administrative & Judiciary Committee.

INFANT BURIAL

1. When infants are buried in the “Infant Burial Section” of the cemetery all markers shall be placed at the head of the gravesite and shall be flush with the ground.
2. When infants are buried on existing occupied gravesites not designated as “Infant Burial Section”, markers shall be flush with the ground. One (1) monument and one (1) marker shall be allowed.
3. Infants buried on unoccupied gravesites together other than in the “Infant Burial Section” shall be buried at the head of the gravesite so as not to interfere with future burials on same grave. One (1) monument with two (2) names will only be allowed.
4. The interment of only one (1) cremain will be allowed in a single infant gravesite.
5. Infant is defined as a person under the age of two (2) years old.

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. In case of doubt about any of these rules or regulations, or their application inquiry and consultation shall first be made at the cemetery with the City of Onalaska Public Works Department. If problems cannot be resolved, questions shall be forwarded to the Administrative & Judiciary Committee.
2. The Administrative & Judiciary Committee reserves the right to change or alter these rules and regulation if the times necessitate such changes. Such changes shall be approved by the majority of the Common Council.
3. These Rules and Regulations are in effect as of September 12, 2007.

ADMINISTRATIVE & JUCICIARY COMMITTEE
CITY OF ONALASKA

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