

West Jordan Cemetery FAQ's

1. All dead interred in cemeteries.

No body of any deceased person shall be interred within the limits of the city except in the city cemetery or in such other cemetery as may be established with the consent of the City Council.

2. Public Works Director's responsibility.

The Public Works Director or his/her designee shall be responsible for the maintenance and operation of the cemetery. All markers, planting, improvements or other work of any nature or description must be done under his/her direction and control. No person owning burial rights in the cemetery shall plant, grade or do any work in the cemetery except by his/her written permission. The Public Works Director shall keep a record of the death and place of burial of every person so reported to him/her. The record shall be open to inspection by the public.

3. Sale of lots and perpetual maintenance.

The City Sexton may sell only the right to be buried. All rights to be buried must be paid for in full at time of purchase. All money received from such sales shall be remitted promptly to the City Treasurer. The City Sexton shall deliver to each purchaser a certificate of burial rights which shall be described by plat, lot or portion of lot. Each certificate shall be signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk/Recorder. The City Sexton shall keep duplicates of all certificates issued. All burial rights as provided in this Section, together with all improvements, except for water, future care and maintenance, shall be exempt from execution and from taxation and assessment for care and maintenance.

4. Termination of Rights.

The City may terminate a person's burial rights and re-vest title to those rights in the City as permitted by and in accordance with Utah Code, Sections 8-5-1 to 8-5-6, as periodically amended.

5. Repurchase of cemetery burial lots.

The holder or owner of burial rights who does not intend to utilize those burial rights may tender to the City those burial rights for repurchase. The repurchase price shall be the amount originally paid by the owner of the burial rights. If the sale took place more than five years previous, no administrative fee will be charged. If the sale took place less than five years previously an administrative fee will be charged in an amount periodically established in the City Council's Uniform Fee Schedule.

6. Transfer of certificate.

The City Sexton shall transfer a certificate of burial rights from the original owner to a successor upon proof of legal succession and payment of a transfer fee. The city shall in no way be responsible for a failure to properly determine the legal successorship of the lot owner purchaser.

7. Grave Decorations.

- (a) Grave decorations are limited to flowers, artificial flowers and National Flags.

(b) The placement of artificial flowers within the cemetery is prohibited during the months of April through October, except as provided in subsection (c) of this section.

(c) Artificial flowers may be placed within the cemetery on the State recognized Holidays only and if placed within the container or receptacle provided in the grave marker.

(d) Any artificial flowers not removed by the owners by April 1 or one week after any Holiday may be removed and discarded by cemetery personnel.

(e) All Funeral flowers and floral pieces will be removed without notice when they become unsightly.

(f) To protect the safety of Cemetery personnel no glass including vases and other containers are permitted and will be removed if found.

8. Burial of indigents.

The City Manager and the Public Works Director may authorize the burial of indigents without the payment of the fees required by this Title.

9. Regulations.

The Public Works Director may promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the operation of the cemetery and not inconsistent with this Title.

10. Scheduling.

All burials must be scheduled at least two business days in advance of the planned burial date. All burials must be scheduled before 4:00 p.m. All scheduling for burials must be submitted either by the acting mortuary or by the family of the person to be buried.

11. Prohibited acts.

(a) It is unlawful any person to allow or permit animals to run at large or trespass on cemetery grounds.

(b) It is unlawful for any person to injure, deface, destroy or remove from the grave or lot any monument, marker, tree, shrub, flower, ground or any other property or ornament in the city cemetery, except by written permission of the Public Works Director. For the purposes of this Section, the person who removes such property shall be deemed not to be the owner unless he has previously obtained from the Public Works Director written permission for such removal.

(c) It is unlawful for any person, except for official city maintenance personnel in the performance of their duties, to drive any vehicle over any grave or upon any non-paved area of the cemetery or to drive any motor vehicle at a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour.

(d) It is unlawful for any person to allow any dog under his/her control or ownership, other than a guide or service dog, specially trained for that purpose, accompanying a blind, visually handicapped, hearing impaired or otherwise physically disabled person, to be within the cemetery, even if under leash.

(e) It is unlawful for any person to inter any person in the city cemetery without first acquiring a right to be buried as evidenced by a duly issued certificate of burial rights or other acceptable proof.

(f) It is unlawful for any person to disinter any body buried in the city cemetery or in any cemetery within the limits of West Jordan City except under the direction of the City Sexton. Before disinterment, the City Sexton shall require a permit issued by the board of health and a written order from the owner of the burial rights authorizing such removal, which order shall be filed and preserved by the City Sexton. All such removals shall be recorded by the City Sexton in a book kept for that purpose.

12. Grave markers.

(a) All grave markers or monuments shall be installed with a finished grass-level stone or concrete base extending outward for a minimum of eight inches from the outer perimeter of the base of the marker or monument or from the receptacle for a flower vase or pot.

(b) Above-grass-level markers and monuments are permitted in all areas of the city cemetery. If the placement of a given grave marker interferes with the opening of a grave site, the family of the person to be buried shall be responsible for arranging to have the grave marker removed.

(c) The maintenance and repair of grave markers, including the repositioning of settled grave markers, is the responsibility of the family of the person buried. The city assumes no responsibility for any damage, regardless of the source of the damage, to any grave marker or monument.

(d) Above-grass-level markers and monuments shall not be set in the city cemetery after October 15 of each calendar year until the following March 1. If by March 1, weather conditions would interfere with the placement of above-grass-level markers, according to the judgment of the cemetery sexton, then above-grass-level markers shall not be set in the city cemetery until weather permits, following March 1.

(e) If two burials are made in the same gravesite, two markers may be installed, however one must be a flat grass-level marker.

13. Fees.

All fees shall be periodically adopted by the City Council and set forth in the City's Uniform Fee Schedule. Please click on the link to the fees on the Cemetery page to view the full list of fees.

14. Burials.

All burials regardless of means disposition and design of casket require a concrete burial vault.

A maximum of two burials may be made in any given burial space, excluding two full sized adult vaults. The combinations permitted are as follows:

- (a) One Adult Vault
- (b) Two Infant vaults
- (c) Two Urn vaults

(d) One Infant, one Urn

(e) One Adult, one Infant

(f) One Adult, one Urn