

CITY OF PALATKA**CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS****1. MONUMENTS, SLABS, COPING, ETC.**

- A.) All corners, coping, monuments, and slabs for gravesites shall be marble or granite, and shall be installed no more than 1" above ground level
Due to ground settling, no slab shall be installed less than 30 days after interment
If monuments sink or become unlevelled for any reason, the monument supplier will be contacted for resetting.
The City of Palatka is not responsible for setting Veterans monuments.
- B.) Marble or granite benches are permitted in all City of Palatka cemeteries, to be placed only on the plot, with the exception of benches in Oak Hill West Cemetery, which shall be set only in place of a headstone, and/or may be placed on a separately purchased plot.
- C.) A permit shall be obtained by the monument supplier prior to the setting of any monument, slab, corner coping, or bench. Monument suppliers shall contact the City of Palatka Cemetery office at (386) 329-0175 to obtain a permit. The cemetery personnel shall clearly mark the allowable area of installation prior to the delivery or markers, etc.
MONUMENT DELIVERY PERSONS ARE TO REPORT TO THE OAKHILL WEST CEMETERY OFFICE BEFORE PLACING A HEADSTONE/SLAB/MONUMENT.
- D.) **Monuments/markers/benches/foot-stones (permanent memorials) are the property of the lot owner. Maintenance, repair, and upkeep are the responsibility of the lot owner. The cemetery assumes NO responsibility or liability for maintenance, repair, upkeep, or damage to permanent memorials installed on a lot.**
- E.) Light materials, including but not limited to, stones, gravel, pebbles, mulch, **Cremains**, or granite dust, are strictly **prohibited** for use as gravesite covering.

2. VEHICLES

- A.) All vehicles, including vault and monument trucks, are limited to the roadway only. No vehicles shall be driven over or across gravesites, with the exception of equipment operated by the City of Palatka Cemetery Personnel.

3. TREES, SHRUBS, PLANTS, ETC.

- A.) **No plants, shrubs, trees, gravel, mulch, border grass, brick, landscaping tile, of fencing on or around trees, graves, or family plots.**
- B.) **Planting of trees and shrubs is prohibited.**
- C.) Memorial trees may be planted along roadways or in a location approved by cemetery management with a permit.

4. FUNERAL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

- A.) **Floral arrangements and floral wreath stands are permitted for a seven day period after interment, and are not permitted at any other occasion.**
- B.) All post-interment flowers, ornaments, or other decorations shall be placed in the monument area only in a permanent, affixed vase. Nothing shall be hung or placed in any tree or shrub in any cemetery.
- C.) **One arrangement of real or silk flowers is permitted on each grave. Plastic flowers are not permitted. Floral arrangements will be removed when they become unsightly or wilted.**
- D.) Seasonal flowers, i.e. Easter lilies and poinsettias, will be permitted for a period of seven days prior to and fourteen days after the holidays.
- E.) **NO objects such as balloons, toys, personal effects, wind chimes, alcoholic beverage containers, bird feeders, solar lights, statuettes, stepping stones, or any other objects shall be placed on a grave. The cemetery staff will remove any of the above named items and place them at the cemetery office located at Oak Hill West for a period of 30 days prior to disposal.**
- F.) Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the City of Palatka cemeteries property.

5. FLAGS

- A.) Memorial flags holders intended to honor service to the citizens of the United States of America shall be permitted to be sited at the gravesite, at either end of the headstone. Such flag holders may commemorate the American Flag, service in the military, military organizations, and service to the public at large (police officers, firefighters, etc.). Such flags will be allowed to remain at the gravesite throughout the year, and shall be required to be maintained in good condition by any given organization or person that shall such place a flag in a given holder. Flags should be kept to 12" by 18" in size or small.

***Office hours: 8:30am-4:00pm Monday-Friday (unless otherwise posted). (386) 329-0175. The City of Palatka Cemeteries (Oak Hill East, Oak Hill West, and Westview) are not responsible for any items left near or on the cemetery lots and/or monuments.*