



ELK GROVE – COSUMNES CEMETERY DISTRICT

Rules and Regulations for Internments

Elk Grove, Elder Creek, Franklin, Hilltop Pleasant Grove and San Joaquin Cemeteries

The Elk Grove Cosumnes Cemetery District operates and maintains six community cemeteries throughout the South Sacramento County area. These cemeteries began operations as early as the 1850's and continue today to provide a final resting place for the residents of the District. The District has a responsibility to respect and accommodate the customs and traditions of a wide range of religious beliefs and cultural traditions which span a period of over 150 years.

- 1) To qualify to be interred in one of the district cemeteries the deceased must have resided in the cemetery district at the time of passing. This incorporates some of the zip codes 95624, 95757, 95758, 95829 (see attached map). The only exception to this is if the deceased is a family member of someone already interred in one of the districts cemeteries. Family member is defined by the California health and safety code section 9002 part (F) as supported by **proper documentation**.
- 2) Burial rights (plots) in any of the six cemeteries in the Elk Grove-Cosumnes Cemetery District may be purchased from an authorized representative of the Elk Grove-Cosumnes Cemetery District at the District office located at 8540 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove, California. The terms of the sale are **cash or check**. Upon payment in full, A Certificate of Ownership of **Interment Rights**, executed by an authorized representative of the District, shall be issued to the purchaser.
- 3) No interment may be made, or other services rendered, until all charges for plots and services have been paid in full.
- 4) An approved vault shall be used for every interment. Approved vaults furnished by the family or mortuary must be delivered to the cemetery 24 hours prior to burial and will be placed by cemetery personnel. There will be an additional fee of \$75.00 charged by the cemetery.
- 5) The remains or cremated remains of the deceased shall be brought to the cemetery in a closed casket or urn. **A Burial Permit must accompany the remains.** Burial Permits are issued by the County of Sacramento and kept by the District as a permanent record.

- 6) No more than one body may be interred in any plot. The exception to this regulation is double depth plots. Cremated remains may be interred on any plot. Only three headstones per plot are permitted.
- 7) **Interment services shall not begin before 9:00 am and must conclude by 3:00 pm on weekdays.** After 3:00pm overtime fees will apply Saturday and Holiday interment services may be made by special arrangement only; there are additional charges for both Saturday and Holiday services. According to District policy, Sunday interments are not performed.
- 8) **The Elk Grove-Cosumnes Cemetery District must be given two working days' notice before interment.**
- 9) Burial plots which have been selected for purchase, but which have not been paid for, will be **reserved** for a period of **no more than 90 days**. The District may remind the potential purchaser of the 90-day limit as time draws near, but is not required to do so. However, should the time elapse, and the purchase has not been made, the District will consider the plot available to any potential purchaser.
- 10) The Elk Grove-Cosumnes Cemetery District may choose to buy back Burial Rights from the legal owner of a plot, to be determined on a case by case basis by the Board of Trustees.
- 11) The burial of animal remains is prohibited within the Elk Grove-Cosumnes Cemetery District.
- 12) Permission for any ritual or religious burning shall be given on a case by case basis and to be done in an approved burning container, to be placed in designated areas only.
- 13) Funeral directors are to remain on site to instruct staff on when to lower and when to start closing the grave site.

Rules and Regulations for Decorations

The District has a responsibility to protect the health and safety of all those who visit the cemeteries including contractors and staff who work to maintain, preserve and protect our cemeteries. The District encourages all visitors to respect the beliefs, customs and traditions of others by adhering to and assisting the District in implementing these policies.

- 1) All decorations and placements, including potted plants, are restricted to the head of the plot. Fresh cut and artificial flowers are permitted only in approved containers.
- 2) When flowers wilt, fade, discolor or deteriorate they will be removed.
- 3) The District understands that it can take time to have a marker placed, decorations left on plots with no marker or temporary markers are restricted to the head of the plot and will be removed if the grass becomes overgrown or discolored.
- 4) For the safety of staff and the public. Objects may only be placed on the marker, cannot exceed 20 inches in height, Glass or other breakable or dissolvable objects of any kind are not permitted.
- 5) No fences or structures of any kind may be erected on or around any plot.
- 6) To avoid health issues, foods and beverages placed at gravesites may be removed at any time.
- 7) In ground plantings of any kind are not permitted.
- 8) Placement of sand, gravel, rocks or cement is not permitted.
- 9) A maximum of two solar lights per plot may be placed at the head of the plot.
- 10) Holiday decorations may be placed no sooner than seven days prior to the Holiday and must be picked up within seven days after the Holiday.
- 11) No items may be taped or permanently affixed to headstones, markers or cremation urn niches.
- 12) Benches are permitted only in designated areas and must be purchased from and installed by the District.
- 13) The District may remove any items for any reason and will not be responsible for any items that may be damaged, lost or stolen.

Rules and Regulations for Marker/Headstones

All markers/headstones must be placed by a licensed business with a \$ 1,000,000. Liability insurance policy on file with the Elk Grove – Cosumnes Cemetery District.

For **Standard** plots, the marker including the concrete border cannot be wider than 36 inches and not more than 30 inches from top to bottom. This is to be installed flush with the surface of the ground.

For **Upright** plots, the marker including the concrete border cannot be wider than 36 inches and not more than 30 inches from top to bottom. This marker can be up to 36 inches tall.

Any request to deviate from these dimensions must be made at the office of the
Elk Grove – Cosumnes Cemetery District.

Board of Trustees:

Dennis Buscher, David Lema, Nan Mahon, Phillip Stark and Steve Weaver

District Manager

Jonathan Lambdin

Approved by the Board of Trustees as of June 14th 2012

Amended as of June 9th 2016

(Amended as of March 8th 2018)

I confirm that I have read, understand and agree to the Rules and Regulations for Interments, the Rules and Regulations for Decorations, and the Rules and Regulations for Marker/Headstones for the Elk Grove-Cosumnes Cemetery District.

Sign: _____

Print: _____

Date: _____

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