



**CITY OF STATESVILLE
PUBLIC GROUNDS & CEMETERIES
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Belmont Cemetery – established 1943	10.280 Acres
Oakwood Cemetery – established 1887	36.987 Acres
Fourth Creek Cemetery – established 1758 (Turned over to city in 1933)	1.636 Acres
Green Street Cemetery – established (unknown)	3.390 Acres

CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

PURCHASE OF LOT

Only parties having a death in their immediate family and intending to bury the remains in a City cemetery will be allowed to purchase a lot within 30 days of the death.

“Immediate family” shall refer to the surviving spouse, children, parents, and brothers and sisters of the deceased; however grandparents, grandchildren, or other surviving next-of-kin of the deceased will be allowed to purchase if none of the preceding classifications have survived. There will be no pre-death sale of lots. Upon proper application, the city may at its discretion, sell a lot or part of a lot to a family member of the deceased. Said lots or parts of lots may be sold only to natural persons and shall not be sold to partnerships. The maximum number of spaces that can be purchased per lot will be limited to the number of immediate family members up to a total of 8 spaces.

Upon payment of the purchase price to the City of Statesville, the Mayor shall execute and deliver to the purchaser a legal deed for the lot. The Cemetery/Recreation Technician shall keep a record of each sale of lots or parts of lots, including date of sale, description of lot, name of purchaser, and price paid.

Lots purchased from the City may not be sold to other individuals or agencies. If the lot owner desires to sell a lot, it must be sold back to the City at the current inside rate in affect at the time of the transaction or price paid at time of purchase, which ever is greatest.

Lots or spaces will be sold to the survivors of City residents and the survivors of non-City residents. The survivors of non-City residents will pay twice as much for cemetery lots as the survivors of City residents. The issue of residency shall be determined by the last place of permanent residence of the deceased other than a hospital, nursing home, rest home, or other health or nursing care facility. The price of the remaining grave spaces being sold to the immediate family of the deceased shall be determined by the legal residency of each individual at the time of the sale. The price for a cemetery space is as follows:

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non Resident</u>
Each Space	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Cremation Space	\$125.00	\$250.00

Cremation and Baby Graves

Individual 3' x 4' lots are available for the interment of cremations and infants. These lots can only be purchased one at a time.

Each Space Resident - \$150.00 Non-Resident \$300.00

INTERMENTS

No person shall be interred or disinterred in city cemeteries without lawful authority and the permission of the City of Statesville. All graves shall be dug under the supervision of a duly authorized agent or employee of the City of Statesville and according to City specifications.

Current interment costs are:

Cremation	\$ 150.00
Infant (under six months) Hand Dug	\$ 200.00
Regular Adult	\$ 400.00
Double Depth Adult	\$ 800.00

Cremations will not be allowed on top of existing graves

For grave openings in city cemeteries on weekends it shall be the duty of the funeral home director, or his authorized agent, to notify the enforcement officer or his duly authorized representative, no later than 4:00pm Friday for a Saturday or Sunday service. Exception: the enforcement officer or his duly authorized representative will be on-call from 9:00am until 12:00noon the day after Thanksgiving and on a previously designated day and time if Christmas falls on such a day that exceeds three consecutive days without on-call hours. No grave openings or interments will be made on legal holidays observed by the city.

INTERMENTS IN THE VETERANS SECTION

Only the following persons are eligible for interment in the Veterans Section of city-operated cemeteries:

- a. Qualified veterans being someone who has honorably served in the military.
- b. The spouse, widow, or widower of a qualified veteran, or a minor child who is unmarried and dependent on the veteran at the time of death.

Only one grave site is authorized for a veteran and his eligible family members. A grave site may not be reserved until the death of a person who is eligible for interment. When a death occurs and the deceased is determined to be eligible for interment in the Veterans Section, a grave site will be assigned in the name of the veteran.

When an eligible family member dies before the qualified veteran dies, the veteran shall sign an agreement to be interred in the same plot with the family member before the deceased family member is interred in the Veteran's Section. Burial by caskets/vaults would be in a double-depth grave. The first, or bottom burial, would be dug at the double depth at a cost of twice the cost of the regular opening/closing fee. The top or last burial would be at the regular opening/closing rate. Arrangements would be made for this type burial when the first family member is buried. All grave markers must be kept flat or flush with the ground and within the specified space of burial.

All other rules and regulations pertaining to cemeteries per the Code of the City of Statesville shall apply.

ERECTION OF MONUMENTS

No monument or marker shall be installed in City of Statesville owned cemeteries until a monument/marker permit has been issued by the Public Grounds & Cemeteries Supervisor or Cemetery/Recreation Technician.

All foundations for monuments, tombstones or gravestones which may be erected in any city cemetery shall be made under the supervision of the Public Grounds & Cemeteries Supervisor or an agent of the City of Statesville. All such foundations shall be laid and constructed under the direction of the Public Grounds & Cemeteries Supervisor subject to the following specifications:

- (A) **Foundation:** Each monument shall be placed on a foundation that provides for a six (6") margin on all sides.
- (B) **Concrete Mix:** The concrete mixed for this foundation shall have an ultimate strength of two thousand and five hundred (2,500) pounds per square inch at age of twenty-eight days, being what is commonly known as ready-mix concrete. Provided, however, it may be hand-mixed in the following proportions: using one (1) part of Portland cement, two (2) parts of sand, four (4) parts of crushed stone with sufficient water only to provide a plastic mix.
- (C) **Footings:** In every case the minimum thickness of the foundation shall be six inches (6"), provided that any variation in the depth or width of the footing as required above shall be as approved by the City Engineer and shall be such that the compressive unit stress on the gross area of the footing shall not exceed .25 times the compressive strength of the concrete at age of twenty-eight (28) days, and shall be such that the unit stress of tension in the concrete shall not exceed .03 times the compressive strength of the concrete at age of twenty-eight (28) days.
- (D) **Notice of Installation:** Monument companies must notify Public Grounds and Cemeteries Supervisor or Cemetery/Recreation Technician with date of installation prior to installation.
- (E) **Site Cleanup:** After installation of monument and/or marker is completed, the lot and surroundings must be left in a clean and acceptable condition. All refuse

material, rock, cement, foundation materials, trash and excess dirt must be immediately removed from the cemetery by the party in charge of the work.

- (F) Working Hours: All work must be performed during normal working hours of the City of Statesville Public Grounds and Cemetery staff.
- (G) Proper Dress and Conduct Required: While performing work in City cemeteries, seasonal pants with belts, shirts and OSHA required safety shoes are required. Under no circumstance is profanity or other lewd conduct allowed in the cemetery.

Any violation of monument installation regulations may result in a citation. Should such violations persist, the Public Grounds & Cemeteries Supervisor or Cemetery/Recreation Technician may prohibit a company from conducting further business in City cemeteries.

LOT AND MONUMENT REGULATIONS

It shall be unlawful for any person to build any curbs, wall or fence of any kind on or around any lot in any cemetery in the City except in accordance with the following provisions:

- (A) Spaces are to be kept flat and level at all times.
- (B) All markers must be kept flush with the ground.
- (C) No mounds or coping shall be allowed
- (D) There shall be but one monument to each lot or part of lot and this shall not be higher than the average mean height of surrounding monuments. All monuments must be located in the center of a lot or portion of a lot. A minimum of two (2) spaces must be purchased in order to erect an upright monument.
- (E) All east space owners are required to share opposite side of upright monument when different party owns west spaces in same lot and vice versa.
- (F) Only small, low growing plants shall be allowed to be planted on either or both sides of upright monuments after receiving permission from the City of Statesville.
- (G) No wire, metal, bricks, stones, wood stakes, bird feeders, solar lights, wind chimes, concrete statues, etc will be allowed.
- (H) Flowers, vases, etc, at a burial site will be removed 7 days after burial. It will be the responsibility of family members to remove any items they want prior to 7 days.
- (I) All flowers, vases, etc, will be removed twice a year; 2 weeks before Christmas and 2 weeks before Easter. The family will be responsible to remove any item they want to keep prior to these removal dates.
- (J) No bench monuments will be allowed.
- (K) Within sections designated only for cremation burials, all markers must be kept flush with the ground and no other items may be placed in the area that extend above ground level.

REMOVAL OF DETRIMENTAL ITEMS

Any shrub, plant, tree or other item that causes an obstruction, or injures any area, monument, structure, or adjoining lot, or becomes a safety hazard to persons or vehicles will be removed without notification of lot owner.

ANIMAL BURIAL

It shall be unlawful to bury the body of any dog, cat, or any other animal or fowl within any city cemetery used for the interment of human bodies.

TRESPASSING

It shall be unlawful for any person to trespass by entering upon the premises of Oakwood Cemetery, Belmont Cemetery, and Fourth Creek Burying Grounds between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.