

A Perpetual Care Cemetery 936-756-2724

Rules and Regulations

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Introduction

The Directors and Management of Conroe Memorial Park, like executives in other lines of business, are constantly faced with many problems. In order to systematize and regulate these problems and to better serve you, a code of rules and regulations for the operation and management of the Cemetery is necessary.

The Directors have therefore adopted the following Rules and Regulations. In doing so their purpose has been to provide, to the greatest possible extent, for the preference of plot owners, as well as to secure stability of improvements, proper mode of burial and respectful observance of the sacredness of the property, and it is believed that no unnecessary restriction have been placed on individual taste.

Conroe Memorial Park will be referred to as CMP, Conroe Memorial Park, or the Association hereafter.

General rules

- 1. It is the duty of the property owner to maintain and keep up to date with all rules and regulations. Guest and owners may check the cemetery sign for quick guide to the rules and regulations.
- 2. Cemetery property is to be maintained and kept by us (CMP).
- 3. A minimum of 15 percent of the land sales shall hereafter be set aside in a permanent fund known as the Perpetual Care Fund. The income from which shall be used for the perpetual maintenance of Conroe Memorial Park Cemetery, to property take care of the up-keep of said cemetery at all times. Said income is to be used in accordance with these rules, regulations, and amendments here to and the laws of the State of Texas provided in such instances.
- 4. Contractors or their employees will not be permitted to work in the cemetery on Saturday or Sunday, or before eight a.m. or after 5 p.m., unless special permission is obtained from the Conroe Cemetery Association.
- 5. Conroe Memorial Park does not permit gravesite decorations such as but not limited to, balloons, pinwheels, Madonna's, statues, night lights. Also due to health and safety reasons, food, bottles or cans of any kind are not permitted. In no case will employees attempt to locate items or floral pieces after their removal from the lot. The association will not be responsible for anything placed on lots or graves.
- 6. No glass vases or containers can be placed at gravesites due to safety and health reasons.
- 7. There is absolutely no drinking on premises of Conroe Memorial Park, caught drinking will result in expulsion from the property.
- 8. Fresh flowers are allowed throughout the year. Personnel of the cemetery are allowed to dispose of flowers when they are determined unsightly or weathered.
- 9. All flowers whether freshly cut, plastic, or silk can be placed on a grave or niche, but must be placed in the manufactured flower receptacle installed with the memorial. The only exceptions are funeral arrangements and certain holiday decorations as specified in this guide. Approved flower receptacles for graves include metal vases made of a rust-resistance material or vases/containers made of shatter proof plastic material and must be accompanied by a permanent marker. The use of glass, non-shatter proof plastic is prohibited.
- 10. CMP is not responsible for damage to or loss of any plants, vegetation, decorations, or vases resulting from the elements, employees, vandalism or theft.
- 11. Plastic flowers are permissible but must not interfere with mowing and can be removed by cemetery personnel at any time seem fit.

- 12. Planting flowers or shrubs on gravesite or spaces must be approved by cemetery representative in writing before planting. Otherwise all planted items will be discarded.
- 13. Cemetery visitors should conduct themselves in a respectful manner. Visitors are requested to refrain from loud talking or disruptive activities. Loud and /or offensive music is strictly prohibited on or around cemetery ground. It can result in expulsion of the cemetery or banning from the grounds.
- 14. Undertakers will be held responsible for the actions of all vehicle drivers or other employed by them while within the grounds. Vehicles must not be turned in the avenues. Loud conversation is not permitted, and all workmen must cease operations while in the immediate vicinity of an interment.
- 15. Litter should be discarded in the receptacles located in the cemetery and across the street.
- 16. Persons within the cemetery grounds shall use only the avenues, walks, alleys, and roads, and any person injured while walking on the grass, except that it be the only way to reach plot owner's plot, or while on any portion of the cemetery other than the avenues, walks, alleys or roads, shall in no way hold CMP or its employees liable for any injuries sustained, unless CMP or its employees acted with gross negligence.
- 17. Vehicles must be driven slowly through the cemetery and must not turn around in avenues. Driving or riding will not be allowed on lots or upon the lawns or walks.
- 18. In the event that it becomes necessary to repair or reconstruct any marble, granite, bronze, or concrete work on any section or plot, or any portion or portions thereof in the cemetery, which has been damaged by the elements, mother nature, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots, or by the order of any military or civil authority, the Committee shall give a ten (10) day written notice of the necessity for such repair to the responsible party on record. The notice shall be given by depositing same in the U.S. mail addressed to the responsible party of the record at his or her address filed with the city clerk's office. In the event the responsible party fails to repair the damage within a reasonable time, the Committee may direct that the repairs be made and charge the expense against the plot and responsible party of record.
- 19. It is the duty of the plot owner to notify CMP of any changes in his or her address and/or phone number.
- 20. The Cemetery shall take reasonable precaution to protect plot owners and the property right of plot owners, within the cemetery, from loss or damage; but it disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond it reasonable control, and especially from damage caused by elements, mother nature, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots or order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral, other than as herein provided.
- 21. Conroe Memorial Park may and hereby expressly reserve the right at any time to adopt new rules and regulation to amend, alter, or repeal any rule, regulation, article, section, paragraph or sentence in the rules and regulations.
- 22. Reserved plots may be reserved for a minimum payment of twenty-five percent (20%) down and balance paid in equal monthly installments over the next thirty-six months (36).
- 23. The sale or transfer of any lot or part of a lot is subject to approval of Conroe Memorial Park.
- 24. Hours of admission, gates remain open from 7:30 am to sunset, to all lot owners and visitors.
- 25. Funeral Designs and floral pieces will be removed from graves when they become wilted or unsightly. Persons desiring to retain any, must remove same within forty-eight hours after the interment. In no case will employees attempt to locate designs or floral pieces after their removal from the lot. The association will not be responsible for anything placed on lots or graves.
- 26. No burial will be allowed in any lot unless the full purchase price has been paid. All charges properly payable to Conroe Memorial Park must be paid in advance of any interment, unless other satisfactory arrangement is made with said cemetery association.
- 27. The cemetery association has full right to fill and level graves and plant grass thereon when desired.
- 28. Conroe Memorial Park may, from time to time, lay out or alter avenues and walks and make such rules and regulations for the government of the grounds, and the care and control of lots as they may deem requisite and proper to secure and promote the general welfare of the cemetery.
- 29. No signs, indicating that a lot or vault is "For Sale," nor signs, cards or advertisement of stonecutters, undertakers, or any person or persons will be permitted.
- 30. Enclosure of any kind, curbing or coping around the lot, ornaments, chairs, settees, vases, glass jars, pitchers, toys, watering cans, or other articles that may be considered objectionable by Conroe Memorial Park are prohibited and the right to remove the same without notices to lot holders is reserved.
- 31. Receptacles for flowers, which must be of metal or stone, must be sunk below the surface of the ground, and must be of such character as not to interfere with the mower nor appear unsightly when not filled. Objects of wood of any kind will not be permitted. No gravel, brick, stone, cement or any kind of artificial walks will be allowed on lots.

- 32. Conroe Memorial Park has the right to exclude from the grounds any person or persons who persist in disobeying any of these rules. They shall also have the right to refuse permits to persons or firms whose work is not satisfactory, or whose employees disobey the rules or the cemetery.
- 33. No title to a lot shall be valid until the amount of the purchase money shall have been paid, and the association reserves the right to remove all bodies, which may have been interred in such lot, and place the same in the single grave section.
- 34. If any trees or shrubs situated in any lot shall be by means of their roots or branches become detrimental to the adjacent lots or avenues, or become unsightly or inconvenient for visitors, it shall be the duty of Conroe Memorial Park Cemetery (and they shall have the right to enter said lots) to remove said trees and shrubbery or such part thereof as they shall determine to be detrimental, unsightly or inconvenient. The Conroe Memorial Park Cemetery Associations has the right to remove any tree or shrub that may be infected by scales or other diseases and to plant and mow grass on all lots and graves.
- 35. No planting of trees, shrubs or flowers will be permitted on any lot without written consent of the Association; however, if planting by the lot holder is permitted, it becomes their responsibility and must be cared for by them. In the even such planting becomes unsightly it will be removed.
- 36. To guard against complaints of thefts, no one, whether lot owner or holder of grave receipts, or any other person, or persons, will be allowed to pluck any flowers, break any limb or twig, or remove any tree or plant, from other graves without special permission from the Association. If such permission is given, the work must be done by one of the employees of the cemetery. This applies to all plants, ect., brought on the grounds as well as those furnished by the cemetery.
- 37. Potted plants will be permitted upon lots and graves at Easter, Memorial Day, birthdays, Christmas and similar occasions but must be removed within seven days after placement, otherwise the Association will remove them.

Interment Regulations

- 1. A burial transit permit or Report of death must be presented to the cemetery staff before via fax or at the time of interment or inurpment
- 2. All funerals upon reaching the cemetery shall be under the supervision of the cemetery staff or management.
- 3. A funeral director or funeral home representative must be present at all interments, inurnments, or disinterment.
- 4. No interments, inurnments, disinterment's, or removals shall be permitted on holidays including: New Years Day; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Presidents Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Veterans Day; Thanksgiving Day (including day after Thanksgiving); and Christmas Day.
- 5. A polygaurd dome liner (cremation only, concrete liner or sealed vault will be required with each interment. Vaults or other containers are required for all burials including but not limited to county graves, infants, and full burials.)
- 6. The maximum size for an infant casket to be interred in an infant area grave is 36"x20".
- 7. At least 24 hours' notice (1 working day) is required to prepare a grave site.
- 8. No interment shall be permitted or marker placed in or on any property not fully paid. CMP has the right to remove any marker that may be placed on said property.
- 9. Conroe Memorial Park reserves the right to move from said space when payment is not received in full after 15 days; said descendent will be moved to another space in the cemetery pending payment of Property, Opening Closing, Funerals, ect.
- 10. If a burial is at a space with no permanent memorial or monument the funeral home must provide a temporary marker within 24 hours.

Markers, Headstones and Monuments

- 1. Conroe Memorial Park reserves the right to prohibit the erection of a vault, monument, marker, or other monumental work that may be considered by the association inappropriate, whether in material, design, workmanship, location, or which might interfere with the general effect, or obstruct any principal view.
- 2. If any monument, vault, effigy, enclosure, or any structure whatever, or any inscription be placed in or upon, any lot which shall be determined be the association to be offensive, improper, or injurious, to the appearance of the surrounding lots or grounds; they shall have the right, and it shall be their duty to enter upon said lot and remove the said offensive or improper object or inscription.
- 3. Slabs will not be permitted as covering for graves. At single grave spaces no upright monument will be permitted, but regulation grave marker may be used.
- 4. All plans for monuments and memorial must be submitted to secure permit for erection.
- No individual, whether lot owner or holder of grave receipts, shall be permitted to remove any lot marker or boundary stakes.

- 6. No workman, except those employed in the erection of stone work under regular permit, will be allowed to work in the grounds, except by special permit from the association.
- 7. All Memorials shall be set in uniform lines as prescribed by the company in order to preserve the uniform beauty of the cemetery. All memorials shall be constructed of natural stone quarries approved by the company or of a bronze that has been cast by a dealer approved by the company. No artificial stone of any description and no metal and/or concrete will not be permitted.
- 8. Only one memorial will be permitted grave, crypt, or niche. Only a companion Memorial or a family monument May be set to embrace two more graves. A flat memorial that embraces more than two or more graves shall not be permitted without approval from the company.
- 9. A bench memorial to be placed in the center of a grave within a plot or in a monument privilege plot as a monument. A grave that has a bench memorial placed in the center may not contain an interment or be used for an interment unless otherwise approved from the committee.
- 10. The only temporary memorial that shall be permitted in the cemetery will be flower receptacles. For graves which order has been received by the company for memorial in place there at. While awaiting delivery of a permanent memorial from the fabricator and the installation thereof, temporary memorial will identify the gravesite.
- 11. Memorials are personal property of the individuals who erect them, and the company assumes no liability for their care and maintenance unless a specific agreement has been set up to provide this. Company insurance does not cover privately owned memorials and damage to memorials as a result from causes beyond its reasonable control, And especially, from damage caused by the elements, an active God, common enemies, thieves, vandals, Strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasion, insurrection, Riots, or any order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral, Other than as herein provided are the responsibility of the owner.
- 12. In the case of a serious vandalism involving damage to memorials, the company will notify the affected owner, if the addresses are on file, and where possible, will temporarily position the memorial. If the owner subsequently fails to make permanent repairs within six months, the company will dispose of the memorial.
- 13. The company will only permit the use of permanent flower receptacles. The flower receptacle shall be of approved materials, design, and size. When not in use, a flower receptacle on a grave shall be contained in its own receptacle set wholly beneath the level of the lawn and the base of the flower Receptacle shall be in a concrete foundation. Only one flower receptacle per grave, crypt, or Niche is permitted and shall be set within the uniform lines prescribed by the company.
- 14. All monuments, markers or memorials must be of Granite or Bronze and the size, shape and dimensions that are approved by the association's office. Written permission and setting fee's from the lot owner must be submitted to our office before any approval for a monument, marker or permit to install will be issued. No memorial of any kind may be installed on a lot until the full purchase price of the lot has been paid.

Marker Ordering Details

Conroe Memorial Park must order your burial marker or monument no later than twenty one (21) days after you have paid 100% of the cost of the marker or monument; you have paid in full all charges for the interment spaces and corresponding required perpetual care, you have paid in full any marker or monument setting fees; you have approved the lettering and design for the marker or monument; and you have signed the necessary documentation directing or authorizing Conroe Memorial Park to order the marker or monument.

Conroe Memorial Park must set your marker no later than fifteen (15) days after you have inspected and accepted the marker, and you have paid in full all charges for the marker and interment spaces, including required perpetual care and any setting fees.

Conroe Memorial Park must set your monument no later than twenty five (25) days after you have inspected and accepted the monument, and you have paid in full all charges for the monument and interment spaces, including required perpetual care and any setting fees.

If Conroe Memorial Park is unable to set your burial marker or monument by the aforementioned deadlines, Conroe Memorial Park will notify you in writing no later than the fifth (5th) day after the date by which your marker or monument is required to be set and inform you the reason for the delay, and the date by which Conroe Memorial Park expects to be able to see your marker or monument.

CONROE MEMORIAL PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

Property Owner Agreement

All lots are sold subject to the rules and regulations of Conroe Memorial Park Association. You, the property owner, understand that by signing below you agree that you understand and agree to the rules and regulations of Conroe Memorial Park. Conroe Memorial Park may or may not contact you with violations, but reserves the right to remove the violation without notice regardless. We will not hold items removed unless we deem them to be valuable. You are signing stating you have received a copy of the complete Rules and Regulations. You will receive a deed in the mail showing ownership with another copy of the rules and regulations.

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Passed this 3rd day of November, 2016 Conroe Memorial Park Rules & Regulations

Customer Signature	Cemetery Representative
 Date	 Date