

The following questions & answers are regarding the **rules and regulations** that apply to the Oak Ridge Cemetery. At any time a violation of these Rules and Regulations is encountered by staff of the City of Inverness, it may be remedied without notice. All articles or objects found in violation of these Rules and Regulations may be removed by the City without notice.

***What is the Cemetery's intended use?***

The Oak Ridge Cemetery is for the interment of the deceased and members of their families who have rights through inheritance.

***Why are there rules and regulations regarding the Oak Ridge Cemetery?***

The City of Inverness wishes to keep the cemetery well maintained and present an image of respect for the dignity of each individual interment. The balance of appearance and upkeep is a continuous effort to make our cemetery a more beautiful place to visit and easier to maintain.

***How many burials may be placed in one gravesite?***

A gravesite is 1/2 of the lot space. Therefore, only one (1) casket burial or two (2) cremations are permitted in an individual gravesite.

***Can a grave that has been purchased previously be sold?***

The only way a site can be sold in any case, is through the City of Inverness. This helps to guarantee that records are properly kept. Refunds are available for unused burial lots subject to approval of the City Council. The amount refundable is equal to the purchase price at the time of the initial purchase.

***How can a lost Right to Burial Certificate be replaced?***

The City of Inverness will issue a duplicate Right to Burial Certificate, provided evidence of ownership is presented and fee is paid.

***Who owns the lot (gravesite)?***

The possession of a Right to Burial Certificate provides the right to be interred in the specific location identified on the certificate once ownership/inheritance has been verified. The City of Inverness however, is the sole owner of the real estate located within the Oak Ridge Cemetery.

***Can the lot be enclosed by a fence?***

No enclosures or barriers are permitted within the cemetery including but not limited to fencing, coping, scrollwork, hedges (real or artificial), ditches, etc.

***Can decorative objects and/or plantings be placed on the site?***

No planting of trees, shrubs, flowers, etc. are permitted. No decorative objects of any nature shall remain on the interment spaces, including but not limited to chairs, shells, crushed or decorative rock, lawn ornaments, etc. Items placed temporarily must NOT extend beyond the perimeter of each gravesite and shall be removed upon discovery.

**All items placed on cemetery property are done so at your own risk and responsibility. Violations will be remedied without further notice.**

***Can seasonal/holiday decorations be placed on a gravesite?***

Seasonal/Holiday decorations should be removed after 30 days. After 30 days, these items may be removed by the City of Inverness, or sooner due to condition or placement. Items may include but not limited to, arrangements, wreaths, potted plants, artificial flowers in baskets or unbreakable containers, etc.

***Responsibility of monuments/memorials/solar lights/flags, etc. placed on a gravesite?***

Any item installed on a gravesite is personal property. Ownership and responsibility, care and upkeep belong to each lot owner, their heirs, or the responsible party that ordered and placed the item(s). The City will not be responsible for inadvertent scratches/chips/or damage that occur from routine maintenance. Any item found in disrepair, faded, damaged, etc. will be removed without notice.

***What objects may be placed permanently on a gravesite?***

With prior approval from the City, marble/granite slabs may be installed on a gravesite. Government/Military markers, when used as foot markers, shall be flush with the ground. Permanent seating made of a permanent material such as granite or marble. Such shall be placed upon that existing interment space and may not encroach upon another site or cemetery common property. Items may be installed after a 'special work permit' has been obtained by contacting the City of Inverness at (352) 726-2611.

***What is a 'special work permit'?***

A written request/application describing work to any area of the Cemetery must be filled out with a detailed description of the proposed work. If approved and before work begins, a special permit fee must be paid to the City. Unauthorized work within the Cemetery, of any manner and without a special work permit, will be cause for removal at the individual's or business owner's expense.

**\*Monuments, memorials or structures (columbarium, vault, crypt, mausoleum, etc.) for any and all interments shall not be placed, constructed or erected upon any interment space or cemetery property unless authorized by the City Clerk or City designee.\***

Any questions/concerns or greater detailed information regarding the rules and regulations of the Oak Ridge Cemetery may be addressed by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (352) 726-2611 ext. 1007.



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Visitations are during the daylight hours between Sunrise and Sunset.