

# Richmond Cemetery Maintenance District



**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Richmond Cemetery Maintenance District exists to provide a well maintained, beautiful and serene final resting place.

**OPEN:** Monday through Sunday, Dawn until Dusk

## **RULES AND POLICIES**

### **PLOT OWNERSHIP**

All land within the Richmond Cemetery Maintenance District (District) boundaries is owned by the District.

Ownership of a plot within the cemetery provides only the right to be interred in the cemetery and is not a deed to convey title to real property.

Resale, transfer, or conveyance of lots to any person, group or organization, except the District is prohibited. The District will repurchase lots for the original purchase price.

Sale of burial lots by the District will be in groups whenever possible so to avoid the creation of single lots throughout the cemetery.

### **HEADSTONES**

Headstones are the property and responsibility of the owner.

Headstones are placed by the monument company and may be set prior to burial to mark the burial plots. Setting of headstones shall be through the direction of the District.

Families are encouraged to use headstones that do not extend above the surface of the ground. \*\*\*Headstones extending above the surface of the ground are subject to damage during the course of routine cemetery maintenance.\*\*\*

\*\*\*Headstones that do not extend above the surface will be required in the new expanded areas of the cemetery to the north of the existing grounds. Above ground headstones or markers will not be allowed in these sections.\*\*\*

Cemetery maintenance personnel will take precautions to protect headstones during routine cemetery maintenance but the District assumes no responsibility for damage to headstones or markers that extend above the surface of the ground.

In cases where headstones are pre-set, removal will be necessary by maintenance personnel prior to burial. Removal of headstones during winter months is especially difficult as they become frozen. Damage to headstones during removal, especially to the base, is possible. Although damage is rare, the District assumes no responsibility should it occur. Arrangements may be made by the family with the monument company to remove the headstone if desired.

The District may require the plot owner or family to make arrangements for removal of the pre-set headstones prior to burial if they are deemed to be too large, fragile, or troublesome to move in order to preserve the integrity of the marker or headstone.

The width of a single headstone or marker shall not exceed thirty (30) inches, not including the base.

The width of a double headstone or marker shall not exceed fifty-five (55) inches, not including the base.

Headstone bases must be within the confines of the plot.

## **INTERMENT**

If the deceased is the sole owner of the plot, the District shall verify the identity of the deceased prior to interment. If the plot is owned by someone other than the deceased, written permission in a form acceptable to the District from the plot owner shall be required.

Caskets shall be placed in a vault made of concrete, fiberglass, steel or of such material approved by the District. Infant's caskets of fiberglass or plastic are the exception, as are urns.

No more than one body may be buried in each plot, except cremated remains and the remains of infants less than one year in age may be buried in a plot occupied by and on top of another individual. In such cases, written permission must be obtained from the owner of the plot or nearest living relative.

All bodies, remains, or other items buried with the body must be in a casket, coffin or urn.

Graveside services or interments shall not be conducted on any Sunday, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Pioneer Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day.

Graveside services or interment shall be conducted between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., unless otherwise approved by the District.

Graveside services and/or interment shall not exceed two (2) hours in length unless otherwise approved by the District.

## **DECORATIONS**

Grave decoration, funeral designs, flowers or other items placed during interment shall be removed within seven (7) days following the interment. Items left beyond the seven days will be removed by the District personnel.

All items placed on graves during the Memorial Day observance will be removed on the Monday following Memorial Day.

Items placed by family members as part of routine decorations must be placed on the headstone, marker or base not in the grassy area around the base.

All items that become unsightly in the opinion of the District will be removed.

The District is not responsible for the loss or removal of items from the cemetery.

## **GRAVE SITE CARE AND LANDSCAPING**

No plot shall be defined by fences, railings, hedges, trees, shrubs or any other markers to describe its corners except for those which are pre-existing and installed by the District.

The planting of trees, shrubs, bushes or other vegetation by the public shall not be permitted.

Trees or major tree roots will not be removed by the District to accommodate for a burial. In circumstances where the District deems it undesirable to remove interfering trees or tree roots, the plot owner may trade the plot for another plot that may be available.

## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

District personnel are dedicated to the maintenance of the cemetery grounds to include mowing, watering, weed spraying, fertilizing and headstone trimming.

Care of the cemetery does not include the replacement of grass in areas suffering from the lack of sunlight, the intrusion of tree roots and removal of trees that may crowd headstones.

Due to the number of headstones and markers, maintenance personnel are unable to trim around them on a weekly basis and sometimes bi-weekly basis.

No benches are to be placed on or by graves by family members or others.

Water may or may not be available for the washing of headstones or markers. Family members are encouraged to bring water for that purpose.

Animals shall not be allowed in the cemetery except in the confines of a vehicle or on a leash and in control of the animal's owner at all times.

### **PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

Skateboarding, roller skating, longboarding, rollerblading, sledding and tubing are prohibited activities on the District grounds.

Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the cemetery.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Questions or concerns should be addressed to the following:

Richmond Cemetery Maintenance District  
Attn: District Chairman  
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Richmond, UT 84333

Phone: (435) 258-2092; during regular business hours Monday – Friday; except holidays.