

Drawdy-Rouse Family Cemetery, Inc.

Rules & Regulations

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PREFACE

In compiling the rules herein, the Executive Board and Trustees have endeavored to safeguard individual lot owners and members as well as the cemetery.

We believe the proper care and beautification of our cemetery shows dignity, love, honor, and appreciation for our loved ones who have passed on before us and we trust that none will intentionally violate any of its rules. We trust that every lot owner and member is interested in the enforcement of these rules and that said rules will be understood, as necessary to assure the proper management and development of a beautiful cemetery.

PURPOSE

Establish, enhance, and maintain beautification of the cemetery. Reduce maintenance costs and provide safety for maintenance and visitors.

SECTION 1 - GENERAL RULES

1. The Drawdy-Rouse Family Cemetery, hereinafter referred to as “Cemetery,” is operated and managed by the Board of Directors, hereinafter referred to as “Trustees,” as established in the Bylaws to be responsible for the legal affairs of the Cemetery, to approve or disapprove requests for burial space, to see that appropriate monuments are placed at each grave, to assist in the collection of fees and to be the final authority in the management and maintenance of the Cemetery.
2. This Cemetery is set apart for the exclusive burial of human remains and shall be used as such only in perpetuity.
3. The Cemetery shall not be held liable for errors or damages which may occur as a result of misinterpretation of telephone instructions from lot owners, their legal representatives, or funeral directors, acting on behalf of the owner or his/her heirs.
4. The Trustees have the right to change, modify, or re-plot any part of the Cemetery.

SECTION 2 - RIGHT OF INTERMENT

1. Burial Plot Application/Verification – All persons requesting a burial plot are required to complete the Burial Plot Application/Verification Form. The form must be emailed to drawdyrouse@yahoo.com. Upon verification applicants will be notified of approval or denial of burial space.
2. Eligibility – A person, whether descendant or non-descendant, must be a member in good standing to be eligible for burial space in the Cemetery.
3. Sale of Lots - Trustees shall establish the price at which lots of burial space in the Cemetery is sold in accordance with Article IV of the Bylaws.
4. Number of Lots – No person shall reserve (lineal descendant) or purchase (non-descendant) and be record titleholder of more than eight lots.
5. Payments – All payments for the sale of lots or grave spaces and all related charges shall be payable to Drawdy-Rouse Family Cemetery, Inc.
6. Right of Interment – Upon approval and/or payment to the Cemetery of the reservation or purchase price of any lot, a Trustee shall execute and deliver a reservation or purchase agreement.

SECTION 3 – SALE OF LOTS/SPACES

1. Fees
 - a. Burial Plot \$3000
 - b. Urn Garden Plot \$1500
 - c. Member in good standing discount – see Bylaws
 - d. Headstone Deposit \$1000
 - e. Additional interment (2nd) \$750

SECTION 4 – OWNERSHIP AND TITLE

1. There having been no formal title of deeds to be issued with respect to ownership of lots, the Cemetery has limited records on which to rely. Consequently, the Cemetery has established the following guidelines for individuals claiming owner or heirship.
 - a. Complete Burial Plot Application/Verification Form.
 - b. Provide proof of agreement or purchase including but not limited to letters, receipts, canceled checks or other similar documentation.
 - c. Provide proof of member in good standing.
2. It is the responsibility of lot owners to keep the Cemetery informed of their correct email and/or mailing address.
3. No verbal agreement or statements made by any individual or Trustee of the Cemetery which is contrary to these rules and regulations shall be binding on the Cemetery nor shall in any way change or modify the intent or validity of these rules and regulations.

SECTION 5 – TRANSFER OR ASSIGNMENTS OF LOTS OR BURIAL SPACES

1. If for any reason it becomes necessary for any lot owner to dispose of his/her interest in or title to his/her cemetery lot, he/she may make a written request to the Cemetery via email to drawdyrouse@yahoo.com for repurchase at the price it was originally purchased. The payment price will be made to the lot owner when he/she provides proof of purchase.
2. No transfer or assignment of any lot/space shall be valid without prior consent of the Cemetery, endorsed in writing upon such transfer or assignment.

SECTION 6 – PERPETUAL CARE

All lot owners and any family members therein may contribute to the perpetual care of the Cemetery by paying annual membership fees of \$50 per family as set forth in the Bylaws or making tax deductible donations. All funds collected shall be solely used for the operation, maintenance, and beautification of the Cemetery.

SECTION 7I – INTERMENT

1. No interment, burial, or other disposition of any remains shall occur unless all rules and regulations have been met and all documentation and payment are completed.
2. All interments must be flagged, verified, and recorded by a Cemetery Trustee.

SECTION 8 – DISINTERMENT

No disinterment of a body or cremains will be made without written permission from a person having authority to permit the same. This process must go through Atlas Vaults. Disinterment regulations are subject to governing laws.

SECTION 9 – BURIAL REGULATIONS

1. All burials, including cremains, must be in concrete vaults.
2. All vault installations must be coordinated with Atlas Vaults.
3. Right of Additional Interments
 - a. The burial of two bodies in one grave is not permitted.
 - b. Within a full-size lot, a total of two interments are allowed. This can either be one full body and one cremains or this can be two cremains. All interments require concrete vaults.

SECTION 10 - MONUMENTS AND MARKERS

1. All monuments and markers require Trustee approval prior to installation. It is recommended that your monument company send a rendering to drawdyrouse@yahoo.com before finalizing your monument/marker purchase for Trustee approval.

2. A \$1000 refundable deposit is required before burial is complete. If a monument is purchased through a funeral home or monument company, a receipt of purchase can serve as the deposit in lieu of payment.
3. Single plot headstone dimensions shall not exceed 4 feet high and 4 feet wide centered on plot.
4. Dual plot headstones shall not exceed 4 feet high and 8 feet wide centered between dual plots.
5. No permanent monuments or grave markers will be admitted in the Cemetery when made of wood, iron, plaster of paris, cement, limestone, soapstone, artificial stone, slate or metal composition.
6. All monuments and markers shall be constructed of granite, standard bronze, marble or like material and set upon bases are required.
7. Benches require Trustee approval for location.
8. Benches must be made of granite, marble or concrete.
9. All monuments and markers must be flagged and verified by a Trustee prior to installation.
10. All monuments and markers located in the urn garden must be flat and even with the ground. Upright monuments and any other items that protrude above ground level are prohibited. The lawn maintenance for this area is strictly mowing flat ground. Items in non-compliance shall be removed.
11. All monuments and markers must be installed by a licensed monument dealer/installer. No mail order monuments allowed.

SECTION 11 – DECORATION OF LOTS

1. The maintenance of the decorated areas shall be by the lot owner.
2. No coping, curbing, hedging, grave mounds, borders, enclosures of any kind, slabs, mausoleums or walks of any kind shall be allowed to be built or placed on any lot in the Cemetery.
3. The use of tiles, bricks, gravel, crushed rock, mulch beds, oyster shells, cinders or other material on any lot in the cemetery is strictly forbidden. If such items are used, they may be removed by the Trustees without notice.
4. Artificial or fresh flowers are permitted at any time. However, they should be removed when they become unsightly.
5. No glass or ceramic containers are permitted. The placing of boxes, shells, toys, metal designs, frames, ornaments, chairs, settees, wood or iron cases, anything breakable, and similar articles upon lots shall not be permitted, and, if so placed, may be removed.
6. No solar lighting .

7. Flags are permitted, however, once they have deteriorated should be disposed of properly.
8. Aside from flowers, any memorabilia type items shall not be permitted. Any items left on the ground are subject to removal at the discretion of the Trustees for interfering with the mowing and maintenance of the grounds.
9. No items shall be attached to trees.
10. The Cemetery is not responsible for theft or damage to any personal property, including artifacts, personal effects, etc., placed on or near interment spaces or elsewhere in the cemetery.

SECTION 12 – CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

1. The Trustees endeavor to provide maintenance to the Cemetery in keeping with the reminder that it is sacredly devoted to the interment of the dead.
2. Care, improvements, and alterations may be performed by the Trustees. Watering may be performed by the Cemetery whenever necessary. Tapping into or using water lines for irrigation by private persons is prohibited.
3. No persons shall dig in the Cemetery without Trustee approval.
4. Shrubs and bushes may be planted next to the headstone as long as the family maintains them, and they do not encroach adjacent plot or block mowing lanes. Trustees reserve the right to remove any shrubs, bushes, or trees that are not properly maintained without notice.
5. Planting of trees requires Trustee approval for type (live oaks and cedar trees preferred) and location.

SECTION 13 – FILMING

Filming of any kind including but not limited to movie production, student training, etc. is strictly prohibited.

SECTION 14 – NONCONFORMING CONDITIONS

1. To the extent applicable, items that have been permitted in the cemetery prior to the adoption of these rules and regulations may be given nonconforming status and allowed to remain unless they are deemed unsafe or interfere with grass cutting or maintenance operations by the Trustees.
2. It is against the law for cremains to be scattered or buried in cemeteries on your own without the Cemetery's consent. Our Cemetery does NOT have a scattering garden for cremated remains. All burials must be scheduled with

a Cemetery Trustee. We are required to keep records of all burials whether full body or cremains. Anyone caught doing this without prior approval may be asked to leave, pay a penalty, or depending upon circumstances will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

These Rules and Regulations in addition to the Purchase Agreement and Burial Plot Application are incorporated herein as one. The Cemetery reserves the right to adopt new rules, amend or suspend present rules and regulations herein, at any time, without notification to the owner.

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of the Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

Section _____ Plot _____

Print Name _____

Date _____

Signature _____