

CHAPTER 91: CEMETERIES

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§ 91.01 PERPETUAL CARE REQUIRED.

No lot shall be sold in any cemetery or cemeteries owned and operated by the city unless perpetual care is provided for at the time of sale. (Ord. 26B, passed 6-4-79)

§ 91.02 GRAVE SITES.

(A) All graves in any and all cemeteries operated and maintained by the city or which shall hereafter be operated and maintained by the city shall be level. Persons, organizations, civic groups or anyone else must receive prior permission from the City Foreman before planting shrubs or flowers at grave sites. If at any time shrubs or flowers planted at a grave site become unkempt, the City Foreman can remove said shrubs or flowers.

(B) There shall be only one casket burial or not more than two cremation burials per grave site. If there is to be a combination of casket and cremation in the same grave site, casket burial must occur first. If cremation burial has already occurred on the lot, no casket burial will be permitted.

(C) All human remains for casket burial shall be placed in a vault or outer receptacle made from concrete, fiberglass or other non-decomposing material, not wood or metal, before burial (Ord. 26B, passed 6-4-79; Am. Ord. passed - -)

§ 91.03 MONUMENTS.

All foundations for monuments hereafter erected in any of the cemeteries operated by the city shall be built and erected so that six inches of cement shall extend beyond the monument on all sides. All foundations for monuments shall be at least four inches thick and shall have at least one pilaster hole six inches in diameter and 22 feet deep for every square foot of foundation. Markers shall only have a four inch thick foundation with no pilaster required. (Ord. 26B, passed 6-4-79)

***CEMETERY PERPETUAL
BEAUTIFICATION TRUST***

§ 91.10 TRUSTEES.

(A) There is created the Alma Cemetery Perpetual Beautification Trust to be administered by a three-person Board of Trustees, for the purpose of creating a trust fund that citizens may make contribution to in order that certain graves, so contributed for, may be beautified by flowers and/or plantings and to provide urns and care of such beautification. This Perpetual Trust Fund is in addition to and separate from the perpetual care provided pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 66.0603(1m).

(B) There is created a three-person Board of Trustees to administer and handle all matters concerning the Alma Cemetery Perpetual Beautification Fund. The Mayor shall appoint three residents of the city to act as the trustees, the appointment to be approved by majority vote of the Common Council, and the appointees shall hold office until they die, resign, move from the city, or if unable to fulfill their duties, they may be removed by the Mayor, and thereafter they shall be replaced in the same manner as aforesaid. The trustees so appointed shall be paid at the regular city per diem rate for their meetings out of interest earned by deposit of cemetery perpetual beautification funds. The original monies shall not be used for this purpose, only interest earned.

(Ord. 55, passed 8-12-76; Am. Ord. 55A, passed 5-4-81)

§ 91.11 DUTIES AND POWERS OF TRUSTEES.

The three-person Board of Trustees is empowered to carry out all beautification and care of graves required under this subchapter and to spend and invest all funds placed in the Alma Cemetery Perpetual Beautification Fund. The Board of Trustees shall see to it that all graves that are ordered beautified by the deposit of funds in the Trust have the placement of flowers or plantings each year before Memorial Day and see to it that urns for the holding of the plantings or flowers are provided and that the flowers or plantings are watered and cared for thereafter. Persons depositing funds and requesting the beautification shall provide the original urns, and thereafter any urns destroyed shall be replaced by the Board of Trustees as a part of the Board's beautification project. The Board shall contract for and be responsible for ordering all flowers and plantings for beautification, see to the placement on the graves and such care as needed thereafter.

(Ord. 55, passed 8-12-76)

§ 91.12 BEAUTIFICATION FUND CREATED.

There is created a Perpetual Trust Fund to carry out the purposes of this subchapter, and any person desiring a grave beautified may contribute to this fund in their lifetime or may so provide by will and bequest, and all such monies shall be handled by the Board of Trustees as empowered by this subchapter. The City Clerk shall receive all monies on behalf of the Trustees and turn over all funds to them as received. The Board of Trustees shall make an annual balance report to the Common Council as of December 31 each year by March 1 of the following year, showing receipts, expenditures, balance, and investment of funds on hand.

(Ord. 55, passed 8-12-76)