

RESOLUTION NO. 19-015

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND AND RESTATE THE SECTION OF THE PLATTSMOUTH CEMETERY BYLAWS TITLED “LOT CARE”.

WHEREAS, the Plattsmouth Cemetery Bylaws (“**Cemetery Bylaws**”) were previously adopted by the Plattsmouth Cemetery Board (“**Cemetery Board**”), and the Cemetery Bylaws were last amended by the Cemetery Board in November 2014;

WHEREAS, all actions of the Cemetery Board are subject to the review and supervision of the Plattsmouth City Council pursuant to Section 2-604 of the Plattsmouth Municipal Code;

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2019, the Mayor appointed the Plattsmouth City Council Ad Hoc Cemetery Committee (“**Ad Hoc Committee**”) and directed the Ad Hoc Committee to, among other things, review and propose revisions to the section of the Cemetery Bylaws titled “Lot Care”, consisting of Rules 1-10;

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Committee thereafter held 11 public meetings, at which the Ad Hoc Committee developed a proposal to restate the “Lot Care” section of the Cemetery Bylaws;

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Committee reported its findings and its proposed restatement of the Lot Care rules to the City Council, and the City Council held a public hearing on such proposed rules at its meeting conducted November 4, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adopt the revised Lot Care rules as proposed by the Ad Hoc Committee, with the addition of certain minor typographical corrections.

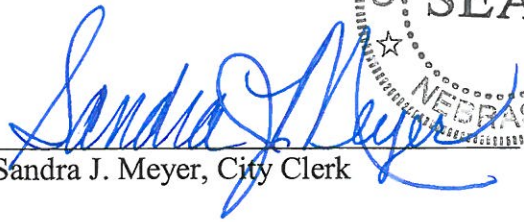
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. The Section of the Plattsmouth Cemetery Bylaws titled “Lot Care”, consisting of Rules 1-10, is hereby deleted and replaced by the Section of the Plattsmouth Cemetery Bylaws titled “Lot Care”, consisting of Rules 1-8, attached to these Resolutions as Exhibit A.

Section 2. A copy of the Plattsmouth Cemetery Bylaws, as amended by this Resolution, shall be filed with the Plattsmouth City Clerk.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of December 2019.

ATTEST:


Sandra J. Meyer, City Clerk




R. Paul Lambert, Mayor

EXHIBIT A

PLATTSMOUTH CEMETERY BYLAWS

Lot Care

1. To prevent injury to adjoining lots and to preserve the beauty of the grounds, no trees, shrubs, flowers or any vegetation shall be planted, cut down, removed or trimmed by anyone other than city employees without written request and approval by the Director of Public Works.
2. Placement of any type of border is prohibited.
3. No loose items of any kind are permitted: Subject to rules under Lot Care, only the following items are allowed to be affixed to the headstone or its base:

Shepherd's Hooks – see item 7 under Lot Care

Permanent Vases – see item 5 under Lot Care

Flower Saddles – see item 5 under Lot Care

One Vigil Light – see item 8 under Lot Care

U. S. Flags – see item 4 under Lot Care

Any items placed or affixed in violation of these rules will be removed without notice by City employees. The City of Plattsburgh will not be held responsible for the loss of or damage to any portable articles left on a lot or grave.

4. U. S. flags will be permitted year round. They are to be cloth, and are not to exceed 12"X18". Flags must be placed in a metal flag holder or a permanent holder abutting the headstone. When flags become worn or torn, they will be removed by City employees and disposed of in accordance with proper flag etiquette. Any replacements are the responsibility of the lot owner.
5. Artificial or Real flowers will be permitted year round only in a permanent vase or vases or in headstone saddles. If flowers become worn or unsightly, they will be removed, without notice, at the discretion of city employees. Fresh flowers from a burial service are permitted until they become unsightly, at which time they will be removed without notice.
6. Wreaths and grave blankets will be permitted from November 15 through March 1. Such decorations will be removed by City employees after March 1.
7. Shepherd hooks with a single or double hook will be permitted. There will be no more than one per grave and which must be placed at the headstone. Items may be placed only in a basket suspended from the shepherd hook. It is the responsibility of the lot owner to maintain these

items in good condition. The City of Plattsburgh will not be held responsible for loss or damage to any portable items left at the gravesite.

8. Vigil lights, also known as grave or eternity lights, will be permitted, one on each grave, and must be placed and secured at the headstone. No lighted candles, incense burners, or any other combustible materials are permitted. Such lights shall not exceed twenty-four inches (24") above ground and shall not contain glass.