

FAIRFIELD CEMETERY, Fairfield Washington
RULES AND REGULATIONS

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GRAVESITES

1. Gravesites should be sold in occupied lots before a new area is opened if possible.
2. Because this is a community cemetery there will be a specified section for ones out of the area with no local family ties. The specified lots are 31, 32, 33, and 34. This area will be enlarged as needed.
3. The Fairfield Cemetery Association shall not purchase lots back after they are sold.
4. If the lot owner sells a lot, the charge can be no more than the original price paid. This is state law.
5. Lot abandonment: lots may be reclaimed if the owners have not been in contact for 20 years or more, and after proper advertising and procedures.

BURIALS AND STONES

6. Headstones and benches must be aligned and set on a base flush with the ground, 6” wider on all sides to allow for mowing.
7. Only one upright headstone is allowed on each gravesite. Gravesites run east to west, and the headstone is to be located at the west end of the gravesite. There may be two other stones on each grave site, flush with the ground.
8. Cremation burials: there may be 2 urn burials over a casket burial, OR 3 urn burials on a gravesite. A minimum of 2’ depth is required for urn burials. The urn shall be placed under the headstone or directly behind the stone if the stone is already in place.
9. The owner is responsible for the upkeep of their stones, markers, and concrete as the cemetery disclaims any liability for their condition. The owner must notify the cemetery of changes in address so any notices can be mailed respecting the condition of stones.
10. In addition to the fee for the plot, there is a \$100 sexton fee that includes all markings for gravesites, headstones and cremations.
11. Placement of memorial stones for those not buried in the cemetery must follow rule #7 on the placement of the stone, and rule #10 on sexton fees, and the name will be listed in directory indicating it is a memorial stone.
12. There shall be no excavations on any gravesite prior to marking by the sexton.
13. All monuments, headstones or markers shall be placed and set in a manner that meets the approval of the sexton or person in charge.
14. Anyone transporting a vault or grave box into the cemetery must check with the sexton for instructions on placing the vault or grave box.
15. The funeral home or burying family will be responsible for plowing the cemetery road when there are burials scheduled during the winter.

PLANTING AND DECORATIONS

16. No digging up of grass or planting of flowers, trees, or shrubs or the addition of coping, curbing, fencing, borders or enclosures of any kind is permitted. The cemetery staff has the authority to prune, remove, or transplant anything in the cemetery when it is considered a necessary part of upkeep.

17. Glass and wire decorations are dangerous for mowing and will be removed.
18. Dead flowers and faded decorations or any object that hamper mowing and grave care will be removed.
19. Veteran's graves may be decorated before Memorial Day if volunteers and donated flags and flowers are available. No money will be spent for this purpose from cemetery funds.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

20. All burials are for human remains only and full burials must have a concrete container. or equivalent.
21. No interment will be permitted, nor shall anybody be received for burial, unless full payment has been received and a proper certificate is furnished to the cemetery setting forth the name of the deceased at the time of death, and the time and place of death.
22. No interment or disinterment shall be made unless under supervision of the sexton or other cemetery supervision. The cemetery is not responsible for interments or disinterment where disagreements between family members occur.
23. Anyone transporting a vault or grave box into the cemetery must check with the sexton for instructions prior to placing the vault or grave box.
24. The cemetery reserves the right to remove any offensive, unsightly, dangerous, or improper monuments or structures from cemetery grounds and shall give notice thereof.
25. All interments, removals, and cemetery business will be made subject to the laws and cemetery ordinances of the county and state and to any orders of the court having proper jurisdiction although they may not be specifically included in these rules.
26. The Fairfield Cemetery Association reserves the right to adopt new rules or amend or repeal existing rules at any time it determines necessary.
27. Persons other than cemetery employees are permitted upon the cemetery grounds only during daylight hours. Violators may be dealt with as provided by law.