



FAIRVIEW, BRIGHTON HILLS, AND OLD VILLAGE CEMETERY DECORATION

Decoration of Lots

Section 1 – Definition

Lot decorations shall be deemed to include all structures, ornaments, plantings, or other embellishments, with the exception of monuments, markers, or mausoleums, which are placed on cemetery lots with the intention of improving their appearance. Because certain types of individual lot decorations are not in harmony with the development of the cemetery as a whole or because they may intensify maintenance problems, the City enforces certain rules regarding the decoration of cemetery lots.

Section 2 – Decoration of Lots in Upright Marker Sections

The following rules shall be observed with regard to the decoration of cemetery lots in the upright marker sections of the cemeteries:

- (a) Fencing of any kind, steps, structures of wood or equally perishable material are prohibited. Concrete or brick coping, edging, and curbs will be allowed with permission provided it does not exceed the width of the stone or marker and extend no more than two (2) feet from the front of the stone or marker. Such area may be used for decoration of the gravesites with landscape materials and/or plantings contained within such boundaries. No flowers, plantings, or other decorations shall be allowed outside of the boundaries as described.

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- (b) No elevated mounds shall be built over graves and no lot shall be filled above the grade established by the City.
- (c) Receptacles for cut flowers will be permitted if installed flush with the surface of the lawn. The use of glass jars or bottles as receptacles for cut flowers is strictly prohibited. Artificial flowers made from silk or similar materials will be permitted only as long as properly maintained and confined to receptacles intended for cut flowers.
- (d) Winter Decorations may be maintained on graves until April 1st. If such decorations are not removed by April 1st, they shall be considered abandoned and will be disposed of by the Cemetery Sexton.
- (e) Urns shall be permitted only if properly installed and maintained next to a given headstone and made of permanent material such as stone, concrete, copper, or iron. Plastic, ceramic, or other temporary material is not allowed.
- (f) Arches for hanging baskets or eternal lights are allowed provided: The arch is of an approved make acceptable to the Cemetery Sexton and does not hang outside of the decoration approved area (i.e. does not hang into the walkway or over another grave location). The only items acceptable for suspension from the arch are eternal lighting fixtures or hanging baskets for plantings;

Urns shall not be suspended from the arch.

- (g) Toys, stuffed or otherwise manufactured or sculptured animals, statues or statuettes, personal items and/or objects that interfere with the maintenance of the lot, as per the discretion of the Cemetery Sexton, will not be permitted as grave decorations except as permitted above in subset (a), and shall be removed without prior notice by the Cemetery Sexton for Fairview and Brighton Hills Cemetery.
- (h) The planting of hedges is strictly prohibited. Existing hedges will be removed whenever they become unkempt or encroach upon an adjoining lot or path.
- (i) No deciduous tree or conifer shall be removed or pruned except under the direction and with the consent of the Cemetery Sexton.
- (j) Benches of granite material shall be allowed to be donated to Fairview and Brighton Hills Cemetery for placement by the Cemetery Sexton in areas, which will provide for silent reverie and reflection. Such benches shall be near uniform in appearance and inscriptions shall have the prior approval of the Cemetery Sexton for Fairview and Brighton Hills Cemetery. No form or type of advertising shall be allowed. Benches provided by the City of Brighton for such silent reverie and reflection shall be regulated in like manner.

Section 3 – Decoration of Lots in Flush Marker Section.

The following rules shall be observed with regard to the decoration of lots in the flush marker sections of the cemeteries:

- (a) No planting shall be made by anyone other than the cemetery employees on flush marker sections. Such planting as may be installed by cemetery employees will be limited to areas set aside for that purpose.
- (b) Cut flowers will be permitted provided they are placed in approved receptacles, installed flush with the lawn surface.
- (c) Potted plants will be permitted to remain on lots from Memorial Day until June 15th. If left after this date, they will be removed without notice.
- (d) No other lot decoration of any description will be permitted on lots in flush marker sections, save for shepherds' hooks approved by the Cemetery Sexton or provided for in Section B of the Rules and Regulations.

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Section 4 – Decoration of Columbarium Section.

The following rules shall be observed with regard to the decoration of niches in the columbarium sections of the cemeteries:

- (a) No planting shall be made by anyone other than the cemetery employees in the columbarium sections.
- (b) No decoration of any description will be permitted to niches in the columbarium sections.

SPECIAL CEMETERY PLANTING/DECORATION PERMIT

I _____, Cemetery Sexton for the City of Brighton, do hereby grant permission for a decoration/special planting to _____, whose address is _____, whose phone number is _____, and whose e-mail address is _____ in the _____ Cemetery, Section, _____, Lot _____, Grave(s) _____.

Type of decoration/special planting (please include drawing):

Sexton Signature: _____ Date: _____

Plantings/decorations shall be permitted only under supervision of the Sexton of cemeteries, and after receiving written permission therefore, plantings placed on a lot without a permit will be removed without notice.

Plantings/decorations shall be maintained in good condition or shall be subject to removal at the discretion of the Sexton without prior notice. The City is under no obligation to keep these decorations once removed. If contact information is on file, the customer will be contacted and have seven days to remove the items.

Signature: _____ Date: _____