

**CITY OF MUSCATINE  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT  
GREENWOOD CEMETERY**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**



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The City of Muscatine reserves the right at any time to change the policies, rules and regulations that apply to Greenwood Cemetery.

**A. CEMETERY HOURS**

1. Office: Monday – Friday 8am to 12pm & 1pm to 4pm
2. Grounds  $\frac{1}{2}$  Hour before Sunrise to  $\frac{1}{2}$  Hour after Sundown

**B. PERPETUAL CARE**

1. Greenwood Cemetery is operated as a perpetual care cemetery in conformity with the laws of the State of Iowa. The income from the fund is used for the care of the buildings and grounds of the Cemetery only. These funds do not cover the privately purchased Mausoleums, Memorial Monuments and/or Markers and grave decorations.

2. Greenwood Cemetery is maintained with power equipment. Keep this in mind as you select grave decorations. Greenwood cannot be held responsible for damaged or missing grave decorations, plantings or tributes. Every effort is made to mow and trim Greenwood one time per week. This often means mowing in less than desirable weather. Wet grass clumps will adhere to markers. Please be aware that this can and does happen, especially during spring weather. Grass on markers does not imply neglect, but rather a dedication to maintaining the Cemetery as regularly as possible.

**C. BURIALS**

1. The Cemetery will accommodate burials 8am to 4pm Monday thru Friday. Saturday burials will be between 8am and 11am or must have prior approval by the Cemetery staff.

2. The Cemetery will only accommodate burials on Sundays, Holidays or Holiday weekends with prior approval and only under special circumstances. The observed holidays for Greenwood Cemetery are:

3. New Years Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day and the Day after, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

4. When a Holiday falls on a Monday, the Saturday and Sunday preceding will be a Holiday weekend. When a Holiday falls on a Friday, the Saturday and Sunday following will be a Holiday weekend.

5. Burials will be limited to a maximum of one casket and three cremains or four cremains per grave.

## **D. PETS**

1. No pets are allowed in the Cemetery.

## **E. DECORATIONS**

1. All decorations must be placed in the stone line and within the individual lot line.
2. Decorations are limited to two per grave space.
  - This includes, but not limited to, items on shepherds' staff, wreath, grave blanket, wooden crosses, temporary markers\*, toys, memorials, attached vases, potted plants, and all bouquets. Silk, plastic and fresh flowers are allowed when placed in an approved vase.
3. Potted plants or cut flowers must be removed when wilted.
4. No glass or ceramic containers are allowed. Metal cones available at floral shops are suggested to preserve your arrangement.
5. Grave fencing is not allowed.
6. Live trees, bushes or plants will not be allowed without the approval of the City staff.
  - Tulips, daffodils and peonies are permitted, with permission in the stone row. Roses or other thorny plants are not allowed.
  - Semi-permanent planters and urns may be allowed with permission. These must be planted each year and kept in good repair.
7. Cemetery staff is not responsible for watering live plants.
8. Fertilizers and chemical sprays are not allowed.
9. Any object, plant, tree or shrub causing safety concerns or impedes the ability to maintain the Cemetery will be removed without notice.

## **F. CLEANUP**

1. All decorations must be removed *before March 15<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.*
2. *Decorations left after these dates will be removed and discarded* by the staff.
3. Undecorated metal staffs/shepherd's hooks, remembrance candles, solar lights, temporary markers and veteran flag holders will not be removed during cleanup.
4. New decorations may be placed April 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. Memorials other than grave markers will not be allowed without the approval of the City.

## **G. MONUMENTS AND MARKER STONES**

1. Temporary markers, including but not limited to, metal markers offered by funeral homes, wooden crosses and cement slabs or small boulders, are not considered permanent.
2. Each Section of Greenwood has unique regulations as to size and type of memorial used. Please check with the cemetery office before ordering.
3. Large high monuments can be placed in designated areas only. Boulders are not allowed.
4. Single Grave:
  - a. Lot Size 4'W x 10'L
  - b. Stone Size 24"L x 12"W x 8"H up to 24)L x 14"W x 8"H
5. Double Grave:
  - a. Lot Size 8'W x 10'L
  - b. 24)L x 12"W x 8"H up to 72)L x 14"W x 8"H
6. Single stones having a height exceeding 8 inches shall be considered a monument and may only be placed in designated areas.
7. All monuments and markers must be inside the lot boundaries, 4" on the back and 12" on the sides.
8. All monuments and markers will be required to have a foundation wash. Washes will be required to have 3" exposed on the front and backsides and 6" on each side. Any special requests need to be approved by the City.
9. All washes exceeding 36" on a single grave must have site approval by the City.
10. The Cemetery will complete foundation work as timely as weather and staffing levels allow.
11. Cemetery staff is responsible for the installation of all foundations. Wash materials will be ordered through the desired monument company.

## **H. ADDITIONS WITH MARKER RESTRICTIONS**

Anthony	2' x 1' x 8" (single) or 3'6 x 1' x 8" (companion) bevel
Baby Land	1'4" x 8" x 8"
Carver	Monuments placed only in designated rows, markers 2' x 1' x 8" (single) or 3'6 x 1' x 8" (companion) bevel
Elmdale	2' x 1' x 8" (single) or 3'6 x 1' x 8" (companion) bevel
Fairlawn	2' x 1' x 8" (single) or 3'6 x 1' x 8" (companion) bevel
Fairlawn	Baby row - Maximum length of 16 inches
Fairlawn	County cremation row – Maximum length of 16 inches
Fairoak	2' x 1' x 8" (single) or 3'6 x 1' x 8" (companion) bevel
Fairview	2' x 1' x 8" (single) or 3'6 x 1' x 8" (companion) bevel
Fletcher	1 <sup>st</sup> some restrictions apply 2 <sup>nd</sup> County row 2' x 1' x 8" 3 <sup>rd</sup> some restrictions apply 4 <sup>th</sup> some restrictions apply 5 <sup>th</sup> block one (old baby land) 16" length
Glenview	2' x 1' x 8" (single) or 3'6 x 1' x 8" (companion) bevel
Opel	2' x 1' x 8" (single) or 3'6 x 1' x 8" (companion) bevel
Page	Some restrictions apply
Riverview	Some restrictions apply

## **I. INTERMENTS**

1. All grave spaces are for interment purposes only and subject to all current Cemetery rules and regulations.
2. No interments of any type of body other than human will be permitted.
3. The authorized representative of lot owner must sign interment orders at least 24 hours prior to interment.
4. Interments will be made in a vault or outer container constructed of concrete or steel except in the case of infants where a “cherub” or similar non-biodegradable outer container is used.
5. Cremains shall be placed in a non-biodegradable container. Wooden urns must be placed in a non-biodegradable container.
6. Scattering of cremains on Greenwood Cemetery or other public property is prohibited.
7. Grave spaces in the soldier’s plot are available to all those with an honorable discharge from the United States Armed Services. Right of burial will be granted by presenting discharge papers to the funeral home handling the arrangements.
  - a. The cemetery staff will assign grave spaces in the soldier’s plot.
  - b. There is no charge for the grave space, perpetual care or setting the government issued marker. There is an interment fee to be paid before the burial.
  - c. Federal law allows cremains of the Veteran’s spouse to be interred in the same space. Interment policy and fees apply. Name of spouse and dates may be added to the back of the government marker.
8. Graves shall be dug by Cemetery staff and shall conform to all applicable state laws. Only Cemetery staff shall open niches.

## **J. DISINTERMENTS**

Removal of bodies from graves must be done in the manner prescribed by law. A disinterment permit is required as outlined in Section 641-101.7 Iowa Administrative Code. Permits must be applied for through a licensed agency. Disinterment may be made Monday through Friday 8am – 4pm except on Holidays.

## **K. FEE SCHEDULE**

1. Payments must be made in full at the time of purchase.
2. Credit cards, VISA, MasterCard and Discover, are accepted.
3. Private resale of lots will not exceed current pricing and will not be considered final until approved by the City and a \$25 resident or 27.50 non-resident fee is paid.

<b>INTERMENT</b>	<b>FEE</b>
Monday - Friday (8 am - 4 pm)	
Adult (1)	\$605
Baby (1)	\$330
Ashes (1)	\$330
Baby Land (includes lot & interment)	\$385
Double Depth	\$1,210
Niche entombment (1)	\$330
Emergency Burial	\$990
Monday - Friday Burials after 3 pm or Saturday 8 am - 10 am when approved by cemetery staff are \$330 extra. Burials on Holidays, if allowed, are \$990 extra.	
<b>DISINTERMENT/RE-INTERMENT</b>	<b>FEE</b>
Adult	\$1,485
Baby	\$825
Ashes	\$825
Niche	\$660
Baby Disinterment/no re-interment	\$495
Ashes Disinterment/no re-interment	\$495
Adult Disinterment/no re-interment	\$880
<b>GRAVE SPACE w/ PERPETUAL CARE</b>	<b>FEE</b>
Adult 4' x 10'	\$605
Infant 3' x 7' (for reference only)	\$110
Single Columbarium Niche 10.5" sq. x 11.5" deep with Niche Door Engraving	\$1,045
Double Columbarium Niche 10.5" sq. x 24" deep with Niche Door Engraving	\$2,090
Please Note: Final date engraving not included in original cost.	
<b>FOUNDATIONS</b>	
\$165 minimum or \$0.39 sq. in.	
Greenwood Special = \$325	
(Foundations charges are normally included with the price of your monument. Check with your monument sales representative. Greenwood Cemetery <u>does not</u> install any monuments except those that are for veterans in the Veterans Addition.)	
Fee to accept delivery & install 16x8 or 12x12 markers \$55.00. This is in addition to the foundation footings.	
Removal of an existing foundation: \$300	
Grave Space Transfer fee: \$27.50	
<b>GENEALOGY</b>	<b>FEE</b>
Printouts (per name)	\$0.28

## **L. WORK ORDER PERMIT REQUIRED**

All work must be done during business hours and must have a work order permit issued before work may be done. Permits will be obtained from the Cemetery office. Persons engaged in work on Cemetery ground will be held responsible for any damage to grounds or property. Cemetery staff shall inspect all work done by contractors. City approval is required if work is needed outside business hours.