VERNONIA MEMORIAL CEMETERY
VERNONIA PIONEER CEMETERY

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CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS
(Effective: June 17th, 2014)

These are the rules and regulations of Vernonia Memorial Cemetery and Vernonia Pioneer Cemetery. They are designed to protect the interest of the Cemeteries and all the owners of interment Rights therein. It is our desire to maintain these cemeteries in the most beautiful manner possible, to serve as a memorial to your loved ones entrusted to our care. We earnestly solicit your cooperation in abiding with these Rules and Regulations.

1. Fresh flowers are approved within all portions of the cemeteries, but only in approved vases. Artificial flowers will be allowed between October 1st and April 1st, when in the judgment of the cemetery, they become unsightly, they will be removed. Vernonia Cemeteries will not be responsible for storing or keeping any artificial decorations left on the graves during the period between October 1st and April 1st.
2. Holes may not be dug for placement of any container or arrangements.
3. Only approved marker and vases will be placed on any grave within the cemeteries. Please ask if a marker you are considering will be approved for placement in the cemetery before you purchase it. There are extensive rules and regulations that apply to the size, material, quality and setting of any and all markers that are to be set within the cemeteries.
4. All vases set in the ground in the cemeteries must be in an approved concrete base.
5. Vernonia Memorial and Vernonia Pioneer cemeteries are not responsible for any item left on the grave, such as vases or personal effects. Please do not leave items of value that you want returned.
6. No plaques or other applications will be allowed on grave markers unless first approved by City management.
7. Vernonia Memorial and Vernonia Pioneer cemeteries will not be responsible for the maintenance of any marker or memorial that has been purchased or will be purchased in the future, or set by someone other than our staff.
8. It is the goal of Vernonia Memorial and Vernonia Pioneer cemeteries to provide a beautiful, peaceful, well managed setting for your family memorial. We therefore, reserve the right to change and improve any portion of the cemetery without giving any written notice.
9. Plantings of any kind are not allowed any place in the cemeteries, expect by management approval, and then only be cemetery personnel. Special planting requests may be made at City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064.

10. The cemetery reserves the right to remove all special holiday arrangements within ten (10) days after the holiday. The cemetery further reserves the right to remove any arrangements at any time, if in the opinion of the cemetery management, the arrangement has become unsightly. Funeral flowers may be removed from the burial site within seven (7) days of the date of the funeral.
11. The use of wire or iron stands, racks or easels are permitted only for the day of the funeral.
12. Glass containers as well as any type of ceramic containers or figurines are strictly prohibited. No balloons are allowed. No windsocks or whirligigs are allowed. These items can cause hazards for visitors, mowing equipment, cemetery maintenance personnel, and other cemetery equipment.
13. If any plant, tree or shrub standing upon any portion of the cemetery, by means of its roots, branches or otherwise becomes detrimental to adjacent lots or avenues, or if for any reason its removal is deemed necessary, the appropriate action will be taken by the cemetery maintenance personnel.
14. No person, other than cemetery personnel, shall pluck or remove any plant or flower, whether wild or cultivated, from any part of the cemeteries.
15. All persons are strictly forbidden to break or injure any tree or shrub, or mar any landmark, marker of memorial or in any way deface the grounds of the cemeteries. The cemetery will cause legal action to be brought against any person doing so.
16. No wooden, cast iron or concrete bench or chair for placement on a grave or any wooden or wire trellis will be permitted to be brought on the grounds. All granite or marble benches, markers and monuments must be approved by cemetery management before placement on the grounds. The setting of any marker, monument or structure on the grounds must meet the requirements of the cemeteries for that particular item.
17. There are rules and regulations regarding the installation of markers by anyone other than cemetery personnel that will be provided upon request. No work will be allowed within the boundaries of the cemetery until all requirements of those rules and regulations are met.
18. The cemeteries and its agents have the authority to enter upon any lot, and remove any objectionable object or any erection which may have been placed there contrary to the rules and regulations of the cemeteries.
19. All interments, disinterments and removals must be made at such time and in such a manner and are subject to the payment of all charges as fixed by the City Council of the City of Vernonia.
20. The cemeteries reserve, and shall have the right to correct any errors that may be made by the cemeteries, either in making interments, disinterments or removals, or in description, transfer, or conveyance of any interment property, either by cancelling such conveyance and substituting and conveying in lieu thereof, other interment property, of equal value and similar location as fair as possible, or as may be selected by the cemeteries, or in the sole discretion of the cemeteries, by refunding the amount of money paid on the account of said purchase. In the event the error shall involve the interment of the remains of any person in such property, the cemeteries reserve and shall have the right to remove and re-inter the remains to such other property of equal value and similar location as may be substituted and conveyed in lieu thereof. The cemeteries shall also

have the right to correct any errors made by placing an improper inscription, including an incorrect name or date, either on the memorial or on the container for cremated remains. The cemeteries shall not be liable in damages for any error so made. The cemeteries reserve the right to charge fees in the event of a deed transfer and/or lost deed.

21. Special cases may arise in which the literal enforcement of a rule may impose unnecessary hardships. The cemeteries therefore, reserve the right, without notice, to make exceptions, suspensions or modifications in any of the Rules and Regulations, or amend, alter and/or repeal any rule, regulation and/or article, section, paragraph and/or sentence in the cemeteries Rules and Regulations, by a vote of City Council.
22. No grave will be opened for any purpose until authorized in writing and all fees are paid by the Rights Owner, next of kin or personal representative of the estate or the Rights Owner.
23. All persons are reminded that the grounds are sacredly devoted to the burial of the dead and that the provisions and penalties of the law as provided by statute will be strictly enforced in all cases or wanton injury, disturbance or disregard of the rules.
24. All persons or contractors entering upon Vernonia Memorial or Vernonia Pioneer cemeteries property to perform any work on graves, or any other activity pertaining to the cemetery will be subject to providing evidence of Workman's Compensation Insurance and Liability Insurance in the amount of no less than $1,000,000.00.
25. No truck or other vehicle or other heavy equipment may be used off cemetery roads except when written application for special permission is requested. It will be the responsibility of any person receiving such permission to repair any damage done as a result of exercising that permission to the satisfaction of the cemeteries.
26. All persons or contractors referred to in Item #25 above must guarantee that they will repair or adjust any work done to bring it to the cemetery standards for a period of two (2) years after the completion of the work. They also guarantee to correct such work within forty-eight (48) hours of the request to make correction. If they fail to make corrections within forty-eight (48) hours, Vernonia Memorial and Vernonia Pioneer cemeteries will make the correction and charge for the correction will be made to the contractor. This is done to prevent injury or having any unsightly condition existing in the cemetery property.
27. Vernonia Memorial and Vernonia Pioneer cemeteries require that all interments in ground spaces be placed in approved outer burial containers. These containers must be made of concrete or other materials that will withstand, for all time, and prevent the collapse of the grave, when subjected to the pressure of equipment and other surface vehicles crossing the grave. All outer burial containers must be approved in advance by the management of Vernonia Memorial and Vernonia Pioneer Cemeteries.