

SAN JACINTO VALLEY CEMETERY DISTRICT

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

CARE OF GRAVES AND CEMETERY GROUNDS - The absolute control of the cemetery grounds in every particular is vested in the Board; internment rights owner (s) and others are entitled only to such privileges within the grounds as are provided by these rules and regulating the general care of the graves and cemetery grounds.

1. No person other than district employees or persons acting under the direction of the General Manager shall plant any tree, shrub, flowers, grass seed, ground covering or plants of any type on the cemetery grounds. Also, no person is allowed to mow or weed eat any part of the cemetery grounds. Donations for trees will be taken by the **Friends of the San Jacinto Valley Cemetery**. The trees will be selected and planted by district personnel under the direction of the Board.
2. Each internment space may have no more than (3) approved flower containers:
Two containers shall be a flower vase placed flush with the surface of the ground that is purchased and installed by District employees. The third container shall be a small (8 inch max. diameter) unbreakable container that may only be placed on the headstone, and may not be staked or secured to the ground. Unauthorized containers will be removed and discarded by district personnel. No decorations may exceed 30 inches in height measured from the base of the container to the top of the decorations, with an exception made for balloons.
3. Flowers (fresh or artificial) may only be placed in the two approved vases and/or in the small unbreakable container as mentioned above.
4. Dead flowers, or decorations not in the approved containers, will be removed and discarded by the District employees every Monday morning.
5. Funeral arrangements will remain on the grave for approximately one week.
6. No person shall place on any grave any statues, toys, boxes, globes, shells, cans, jugs, bottles, bric-a-brac etc. unless in the two approved vases and/or in the small unbreakable container as mentioned above. Fences, Flammable Wax Candles, Glass Objects, Decorative Marbles, Rocks, Food or any other unauthorized items are not allowed. Battery operated candles are acceptable.
7. Only service dogs on a leash allowed.
8. Alcoholic beverages, marijuana or any drugs are not allowed on cemetery grounds.
9. If any tree, shrub, plant or vine situated on any plot becomes detrimental or unsightly due to roots, branches, height, or infringement to adjacent plots, streets, or the cemetery grounds, the manager or any other person authorized by the Board may enter upon such plot and remove or trim such trees, shrubs, plants or vines as deemed necessary.
10. No person shall burn any combustible material within the cemetery grounds.
11. The Board reserves the right to make improvements to any lot or to any public portion of the cemetery grounds at any time at the District's expense.

12. Barbecues and picnics, and all items and activities associated with barbecues and picnics, are not allowed on cemetery grounds. Canopies, tents or tables, unless provided by the District are prohibited unless pre-approved. Chairs being used on the cemetery grounds that are not supplied by the district during a funeral service can only be placed on your loved ones grave while you are visiting.
13. The Cemetery grounds will open at 7:30AM and close at 10:00 PM. Anyone trespassing will be asked to leave the property immediately. (PC602)
14. The cemetery or its employees shall not be responsible for any items whatsoever left on cemetery property, including but not limited to anything of a breakable or moveable nature that becomes broken or stolen including flowers or decorations.
15. Only (1) one Memorial marker per grave site (Single or Double). Only flat granite or marble Memorial markers with square, smooth edges will be accepted. Memorial markers shall be limited to 12" x 24" and 2½ to 3" thick, with a 3" cement border set flush with the marker. Memorial markers shall be set in a concrete foundation. The cement border keeps the markers from being damaged by our maintenance equipment (Tractors, mowers and edgers).

A **Marker setting fee** will be charged on each Memorial Marker set. If an existing marker is replaced with a new marker, a Marker Disposal fee is required along with approval from the family as to the destruction of the existing marker.

Engraving on Niche Plates will consist of; First name, Middle Initial, Last name, Year of Birth & Year of Death only. **No pictures, paper or any other object shall be placed on the Niche Plate.**

Any additional questions regarding Markers/Niche Plates and/or fees will be answered at the Cemetery Office situated on the cemetery grounds.

The Cemetery reserves the right to review and allow or disallow any markers.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Division 8 PART 4. Public Cemetery Districts Section 9060 Chapter 5 of the California Health and Safety Code.

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| | 1. Live within the District |
| | 2. Own property within the District |
| *Non-Resident Fees may} | 3. Persons who are/were former residents and have acquired interment right |
| apply at time of interment.} | 4. Have relatives buried in the cemetery * |
| Section 9068 (b) } | 5. Lived in the district 5 out of the last 10 years * |

INTERMENTS - Lot owners, morticians and other authorized persons shall comply with the following regulations in the use of lots and plots for interment purposes.

1. All single adult graves shall be dug to a depth of four and one half feet to five feet. The lower tier of a double interment grave shall be dug to a depth of seven feet or more. Infant grave sites for domed liners shall be dug to a depth of thirty-six inches. Cremation sites shall be dug to a depth of twenty-four inches.
2. A suitable container or casket is required for all interments including cremated remains.
3. Standard concrete vaults or liners must be used for all casket interments. Fiberglass or concrete vaults must be used for cremated remains buried in the ground. Double Depth Crypts will be used in double depth lots. Two cremated remains may be placed in an in-ground cremation site (if site can accommodate, three cremated remains may be placed in a site).

4. No more than two (2) cremated remains will be placed in a Niche compartment. **The size of the Cremation Urn must meet Cemetery specifications, for one (1) or two (2) Inurnments.**
5. No interment shall be made on any of the following days: Saturday, Sunday, legal holidays and days not authorized by the Board of Directors - unless interment is ordered by a public health officer or in case of an extreme emergency. Interments will normally be made after 9:00 a.m. and prior to 3:00 p.m.
6. No grave shall be graded or mounded and the top of the grave shall be level with the surrounding lot when fully settled.
7. No services in connection with interment will be made until charges for such services as fixed by the Board have been paid in advance to the Manager or other authorized employee of the District.
8. No Interment Right holder shall allow any interment to be made in his plot for remuneration or otherwise.
9. All dis-interments, except when ordered by the court will be at the discretion of the Cemetery Management. Pending verification of all proper documentation, there shall be a five day waiting period prior to any dis-interment. District personnel will open the grave and remove or open the vault. A mortician shall be present at time of dis-interment. The District shall not be responsible for removal of the casket or for any damages to the vault, casket or remains.
10. **No Viewing or opening** of the casket shall take place at the cemetery.
11. **There will be no witnessing of the burial.**

FEES AND CHARGES - The Board shall establish fees. A schedule of the current fees shall be available for inspection at all reasonable hours in the cemetery office.

1. The Board shall establish the amount to be paid by site purchasers for deposit into the endowment care fund in accordance with Division 8 PART 4. Public Cemetery Districts, Section 9065 Chapter 5 (c) of the California Health and Safety Code. Such amounts paid into the endowment care fund are not refundable. Prevailing endowment care fees will be charged on all unused graves regardless of when sold. Those lots purchased prior to July 1, 1985 will be charged the endowment care fee at the time of interment.
2. Non-resident fees shall be charged for interment of a person not living or paying taxes in the district at the time of death who is eligible for interment in a cemetery of the District by Division 8 PART 4 Public Cemetery Districts, Sections 9002 (g), Chapter 5 Section 9061 and Chapter 5 Section 9068 (b) of the California Health and Safety Code.

LEGAL PROVISIONS - In addition to the provisions established by law for the operation of District's cemeteries, the following rules and regulations shall apply:

1. Interment in the District's cemeteries shall be limited in accordance with Division 8 PART 4. Public Cemetery Districts, Chapter 1 Section 9002 (e) (commencing with Section 7000) of part 1 of Division 7 apply to this part of the California Health and Safety Code as the same now exists or may be hereafter amended. For the purpose of these rules and regulations, members of the family of a resident who purchase a lot; are defined as "Family member" which means any spouse, by marriage or otherwise, child or stepchild, by natural birth or adoption, parent, brother, sister, half- brother, half-sister, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, first cousin, or any person denoted by the prefix "grand" or "great," or the spouse of any of these persons.
2. Records and maps are on file in District Office. A portion of the purchase price is to be held in trust to provide for the Endowment Care. This Certificate does not convey property title but only transfers the rights to the use and occupancy of the described land for interment purposes, subject to such rules and regulations as have been or may be adopted by the Board of Trustees of the San Jacinto Valley Cemetery District.

3. Grave space interment rights and Niche inurnment rights may not be sold or transferred by the owner to any other individual, or group of persons. A transfer fee of \$50.00 will be charged to reassign Interment/Inurnment rights within a family, providing such changes are conducted through the Cemetery Office and conform to the rules and regulations of the SJVC District.
4. Grave space interment rights and Niche inurnment rights may be returned only to the San Jacinto Valley Cemetery District and the original purchase price not including the Endowment Care fee collected will be refunded or a minimum of \$100.00 per lot.
5. Pre-Need contracts shall be limited to 12 months and require a minimum down of the endowment care fee and service charge. Two or more contracts shall not run concurrent. This contract can be terminated if Buyer fails to make payments for a period of more than 3 months. In such an event, all payments shall/may be forfeited upon action by the District Board of Trustees. You may cancel this agreement at any time before midnight of the fifth calendar day after the date of contract agreement, provided no interment or substantial service or merchandise has been provided hereunder. After the fifth calendar day of this agreement the Service charge is not refundable.
6. **Pre-Need services** that have been paid for in advance:
Prices are locked in and no additional fees will be charged **if paid at Non-Resident prices.**
Prices are locked in however, * **Non Resident fees may apply at the time of interment if paid at *Resident prices.**
7. Members of the public who wish to inspect or obtain copies of any public record must submit their request in writing to the office of the General Manager specifying the desired records. The request should be specific and not unreasonably interfere with the ordinary business operations of the Cemetery. The Cemetery shall, within 10 days of receipt of the request, determine whether the request, in whole or in part, seeks disclosable public records that are in the possession of the Cemetery and shall notify the requestor of the determination. The request should include the name, address and telephone number of the requestor. The Cemetery may refuse to make available records that are exempt from disclosure pursuant to Government Code section 6254 or other applicable law.

LIABILITY - The District, its Board, all individual members of said Board, the Manager and all other personnel of the District shall not be responsible for injury or damage suffered by any persons, including children, in their use of the cemetery grounds. Any person visiting the cemetery shall do so at their own risk.

The Board shall employ a Manager and such other employees as it may determine to be necessary or useful in the operation of the District.

These rules and regulations were previously approved by the Board of Trustees of the San Jacinto Valley Cemetery District.

