

Butler Cemetery Butler Memorial Gardens

2016 Cemetery Rules & Regulations

The City of Butler reserves the right to regulate the method of decorating plots, lots and graves in the Butler Cemetery and Butler Memorial Gardens Cemetery so that a uniform beauty may be maintained. It is not the desire of the City to arbitrarily control or to curb the individual's interest. These restrictions are placed only as a means of eliminating obstructions, which make maintenance costs high. It is felt that a well planned design is more effective to the overall beauty of the cemeteries.

1. All work, repairs, erection of buildings, monuments, bases and base extensions shall be under the supervision of the Sexton of the Cemetery.
2. No lot lines shall be defined by any curbing, fence, plants, or stones of any kind.
3. Monuments placed in the Butler Cemetery and the Butler Memorial Gardens must meet the following requirements:

One space	Base not to exceed 36" X 12"
Two spaces	Base not to exceed 72" X 12"
Three spaces	Base not to exceed 120" X 12"
Four spaces	Base not to exceed 156" X 12"

The maximum height shall be no more than five feet at any point of the monument.

Footers placed in the Butler Cemetery must be six inches wider than the monument on the front and back, extend for the entire width of the grave space and have a three foot depth.

4. Foundations must be installed by a contractor designated by the City of Butler. Head stones cannot be installed without verification of the location by the City of Butler.
5. A burial permit from the City is required before any interment. This is obtained from the Clerk-Treasurer. The funeral director handling the arrangements must also submit the Burial Transit Permit to the Clerk-Treasurer.
6. No flower beds, plants, shrubbery or trees will be permitted on any plot or grave. No digging or planting of any kind is permitted on the graves. The City has the right to remove any such plantings.
7. All decorations of any sort or type must be securely fastened to or contained within the concrete portion of the headstone foundation or affixed directly to the monument. Saddles are permitted, but they must be attached to the monument. Broken items will be removed by City personnel.
8. Graves with temporary markers will be limited to one decorative item only. The decoration must be placed on the space allotted for the foundation.
9. Urns will be permitted, but will be restricted to the concrete foundation or base of the monument. Broken or damaged urns will be removed by City employees without notification to the owner of the plot.
10. Shepherd hooks with a single hook and a maximum height of five feet will be allowed. The hooks must be placed in the concrete of the foundation and objects hanging from the hook must be placed over the headstone. Trellises of any kind are NOT permitted on any grave.
11. Live plants and flowers are permitted during the summer months. They must be placed in heavy containers and set on the concrete foundation. The City of Butler assumes no

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responsibility for the longevity of the life of the plants or flowers, or for the containers. Live plants and flowers will be removed at the time when they are no longer cared for or maintained.

12. Funeral floral pieces, flowers and other mementoes left after a funeral shall be removed by the City of Butler no sooner than seven days after burial.
13. Winter wreaths and winter grave blankets are permitted during the winter season, December 1st thru March 1st. All winter wreaths and grave blankets will be removed after March 1st. Any family wishing to re-use these decorations must remove them prior to March 1st.
14. An Annual Cemetery Clean-up will occur before Good Friday of each year. Notice shall be published in The Butler Bulletin and The Star with the exact date several weeks prior to the cleanup. A sign shall also be posted at the cemeteries.
15. Decorations are only allowed on the foundation or headstone. Decorations that are found in the grass will be removed!
16. All lots are sold under perpetual care. This includes cutting of grass at reasonable intervals, filling of sunken graves and such other work as may be necessary to keep lots in good and neat condition.
17. All burials (excluding cremations) are required to have an outer burial container.
18. The Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Butler is authorized to execute Deeds of Conveyance to purchasers of lots upon receipt of the price thereof, securing the grounds to them and their families and heirs for a burial place forever, subject to such rules and regulations as are now in force, or may be hereafter adopted for the government of the cemetery.
19. The City of Butler will take reasonable precaution to protect the property of grave owners, but it disclaims liability for loss or damage beyond reasonable control, such as thieves, vandals, rioters and all acts of God, such as, wind, tornado, hail, frost, etc., whether damage is direct or indirect.

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