

General Information

PURCHASES -

To purchase a space in the cemetery, please call the cemetery office at 522-2907 or visit the cemetery office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. The cemetery staff will assist you in selecting a space and will prepare the necessary paperwork. You will then be asked to complete the purchase of your space(s) at the Finance Office, located in City Hall, 421 North 4th Street. Please note: There is not a full-time office staff at the cemetery. Generally, the staff is outside, maintaining the grounds.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The cemetery staff is responsible for maintaining the cemetery grounds, selling interment spaces, scheduling funerals, excavating interment spaces, setting the vault, setting up funeral equipment; lowering the casket, sealing the vault, leveling the ground and seeding or sodding grass on the site. The cemetery staff does not maintain monuments or flower beds that are planted around the monuments. If you feel an interment space requires attention, please complete a work order (available in the cemetery office) or simply contact any cemetery employee. A cemetery record book is available for public use in the cemetery office.

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY -

Memorial Day is an important and respected holiday in Riverside Cemetery. Employees from many Divisions and Departments are called upon to help ensure that the cemetery looks its best for visitors. The cemetery staff is on hand throughout the weekend and holiday to assist visitors.

LOCATION

Riverside Cemetery, owned by the City of Sterling, and operated by the Cemetery Division of the Parks, Library and Recreation Department, is located south of Sterling at 18611 U. S. Highway 6.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS -

Typically, arrangements for interments are made through the funeral home. The funeral home will contact the cemetery and complete the burial permit, schedule the date and time of the interment, and pay the appropriate fees. These arrangements can also be made by the family, if so desired.



PERPETUAL CARE OF INTERMENT SPACE

Following an interment, the cemetery staff will place soil on the space so that it is level with the surrounding ground. Due to settling of the loose soil, this process may need to be repeated. Whenever possible, the sod removed from the space will be replaced. All spaces opened in the fall or winter are re-seeded or re-sodded as necessary in the spring of the year, typically before Memorial Day. By the end of the first growing season following the interment, the lawn should be well established.

The cemetery staff will water, fertilize and mow the grass on a weekly basis throughout the growing season. The grass around the monuments will be trimmed approximately once every two weeks throughout the growing season, and as needed in late fall and early spring. All trees and shrubs in the cemetery will be trimmed or removed as deemed necessary by the Cemetery Superintendent.

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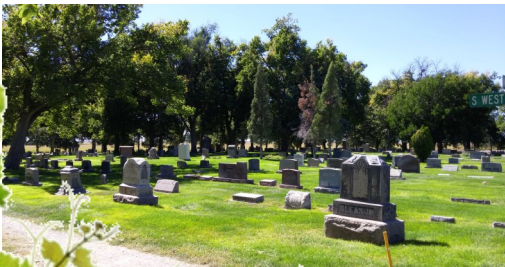
Cemetery Rules and Regulations

CEMETERY RULES - The City of Sterling and the Riverside Cemetery staff respectfully suggest that all individuals purchasing a space (s) or arranging an interment, become familiar with the cemetery rules. Copies are available at Riverside Cemetery and at City Hall in the Parks, Library and Recreation Department and the Finance Department.



Artificial flowers may be displayed year-round only if they are in a vase which is permanently attached to the monument base. Vases attached to the monument foundation are not allowed.

Permanently attached vases must be of marble or polished granite. The vases must be attached by a bonded monument company.



In order to maintain a clean, well-kept appearance in the cemetery, artificial flowers are permitted only from Nov. 1 - March 1 and a period one week prior to Memorial Day to one week after Memorial Day. Individuals who wish to save artificial flowers and other decorations, such as ribbons, wreaths, flower pots, statues, ornaments, etc., must pick them up, or the cemetery staff will remove them according to the above time periods. The cemetery staff may also pick up such objects at any time during the year if they interfere with the normal, efficient, cost effective maintenance of the cemetery.

Visitors to the cemetery may plant flowers in a space 18" wide in front of the monument. If flower pots or containers are used, they must be installed flush with the surface of the ground and may only be made of plastic. If flowers become unkempt, they may be removed by the cemetery staff. Occasionally, even well-kept flower beds may accidentally be mowed. Visitors should be aware that the City of Sterling will not replace mowed or removed flowers.

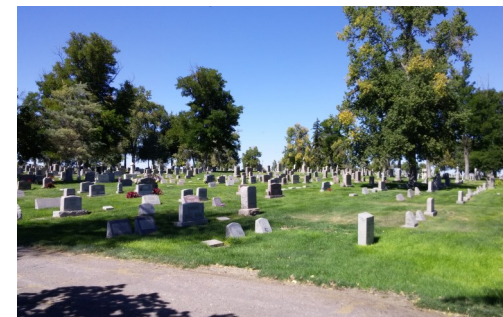
The Cemetery Superintendent, or his designee, has the authority to approve or disapprove monument designs, tree planting, and decorations which are placed in the cemetery. Generally, trees planted along cemetery rows are not allowed. Trees planted around the perimeter of the cemetery may be approved upon written request. Trees cannot be planted without prior written approval.



The use of curbing, borders or enclosures of any kind, are not permitted as they can become a hazard to mowing operations. Plastic edging is allowed at ground level.

Only firms or individuals that have filed a bond with the City may perform memorial work or concrete work in the cemetery.

Above ground monuments are permitted in most areas. All monuments must rest on a concrete foundation. A monument permit is required prior to placing any memorial or monument. By a bonded monument company. All memorial designs are subject to review by the Cemetery Superintendent.



COLUMBARIUM - Columbarium niches are available at Riverside Cemetery. This area is landscaped with a waterfall feature creating a peaceful soothing area to visit loved ones. Niches at Riverside Cemetery will accommodate one urn with external dimensions not to exceed the inside dimensions of the niche. No floral vases, vase hangers, wreaths, or decorations of any kind will be attached to niche shutters. Any such decorations will be removed by the Cemetery Superintendent or designated representatives immediately. Glass containers, tin cans, and spiked cone containers shall not be allowed and will be removed immediately. Funeral flowers, containers, baskets and easels shall and will be removed and disposed of one day after the inurnment. No flowers, artificial flowers/decorations of any kind will be allowed at the columbarium. More information is available at the Cemetery office.