



# ***Olathe Memorial Cemetery***

## ***Policies and Information***

*Olathe Municipal Code 12.24*

### **General Information:**

- All persons are reminded that the cemetery is devoted to the burial of the dead. The provisions and penalties provided by the statute will be strictly enforced in all cases of injury, disturbance or disregard of the rules.
- All persons in the cemetery shall conduct themselves with proper respectfulness. At the discretion of the cemetery, anyone may be removed from the cemetery for any breach of this rule.
- The cemetery may refuse admission to or eject anyone who is not an owner or a visitor to an interment space.
- The cemetery expressly disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control including but not limited to thieves, vandals, acts of God, explosions, unavoidable accidents of war, whether direct or indirect. In particular, the cemetery assumes no responsibility for memorials, flowers, decorations, vases, urns, or other property on any interment space. Owners should make arrangements with their personal insurance carriers regarding any personal property such as memorials, vases and urns that are at the cemetery.
- No person shall be permitted to enter or leave the cemetery except by cemetery access roads.
- Any person found in the cemetery after closing hours will be considered a trespasser.
- No vehicle shall be driven in the cemetery at a speed greater than 10 MPH. All vehicles shall be restricted to the roads and shall drive and park on the right side. No undue noise shall be permitted in operating a vehicle through the cemetery, and only licensed drivers may operate vehicles within the cemetery.
- The cemetery reserves the right to exclude any or all vehicles from the cemetery on Memorial Day or other holidays or for any special event when it is deemed necessary. The cemetery also reserves the right to exclude any vehicle, which might cause any damage to the roads within the cemetery.
- All pets must be leashed in the cemetery and waste cleaned up (pet stations are provided at both entrances).
- No drinking, picnicking, loitering, skating, unauthorized photography/filming, hunting, trapping, fireworks or participation in any sport event or game activities is permitted within the cemetery.
- No minors are permitted in the cemetery unless accompanied by their parent or guardian.
- Visitors and owners must not engage, pay or request special assistance or services from cemetery staff working on the cemetery grounds. All orders, inquires and complaints must be addressed to the cemetery office.



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### **Decorations:**

Olathe Memorial Cemetery has an obligation and responsibility to ALL owners of burial property to maintain and preserve the appearance of the cemetery. The City of Olathe and the cemetery assume no liability for damage, removal, or storage of decorations. The following are current decoration regulations and policies for all types of interments. Cemetery management retains the right to remove **ALL** flowers and decorations when, in the management's opinion, their appearance is unsightly, unsafe or violate policy.

- **ALL** decorations must be within the owned 40 by 96-inch lot. Any decorations outside of the plot will be promptly removed and disposed of.
- One shepherd's hook per grave is allowed.
- The cemetery may remove, **without notice or consent**, any planting, decoration or other object placed on or about any interment space which the cemetery determines to be improper, deteriorated, dangerous to persons/equipment and/or interferes with maintenance.
- **No** outside planting will be permitted in the cemetery.
- **No** enclosure of any kind such as a fence, string/solar lights, coping, hedge or ditch shall be permitted around any grave space or lawn crypt. No grave space or lawn crypt shall be raised above the established grade.
- **All** persons are strictly prohibited from picking flowers, removing trees or shrubs, making any alterations to any property within the cemetery or in any way defacing or damaging the cemetery.
- During the mowing season, decoration of grave spaces and lawn crypts with cut or artificial flowers may be made only in an approved vase integrated with or adjacent to the memorial. **DECORATIONS NOT IN CEMETERY APPROVED CONTAINERS WILL BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY AND DISCARDED**
- November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup> – Winter decorations are allowed during this period. All Christmas decorations will be removed on January 31, weather permitting. All remaining winter decorations will be removed on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Wooden crosses no taller than 48 inches and only one per grave are allowed during this time-frame. Crosses may not be made of any breakable material and all crosses not claimed by May 1 will be discarded.
- Decorations may be placed **7** days before these holidays Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veteran's Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. All decorations will be removed on next scheduled decoration removal date as posted on signs located at each entrance to the cemetery **OR** at such times as the cemetery determines necessary in order to mow or otherwise maintain the cemetery.



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The owner, or family of a deceased owner, shall turn all vase units into the ground after November 1st, and remove all decorations. The cemetery assumes no responsibility for ice damage to vase units.

### **PROHIBITED DÉCOR**

- Arbors
- Balloons – latex or mylar
- Benches (exception: professionally installed granite serving as the deceased's headstone)
- Crockery/earthenware
- Freestanding structures
- Glass – including but not limited to jars, bottles, marbles, deco beads, stones, breakable material
- Tin cans
- Tinsel
- Whirligig spinners
- Wind-chimes or hanging items in trees
- Wires/zip ties
- Wrapping on a shepherd's hook

For any question not specifically answered here, check first with the cemetery office at 913.971.5226 or [OMCInfo@olatheks.org](mailto:OMCInfo@olatheks.org)

**Olathe Memorial Cemetery reserves the right to update and change policies at any time.**

For the most up to date policy go to:  
<https://cemetery.olatheks.org/cemetery-information>



## ***Policies and Information Cont.***

### **Monuments:**

- Monuments can be purchased from Olathe Memorial Cemetery or any licensed monument dealer. Licensed installers will then need to contact the cemetery before placement of the monument. Monuments shall be of granite, marble or bronze composition and not exceed the size of the grave including a four-inch collar allowed for the foundation.
- Engraved side of monuments are installed facing west unless otherwise requested at time of order. An additional fee will be assessed to reposition the monument.
- The City of Olathe will have the right to reset any monuments which are deemed detrimental to the appearance of the grounds or which prevent proper care of the lot.
- All monument companies must adhere to all the administrative regulations regarding "Placement of Memorials and Markers in Olathe Memorial Cemetery" (Administrative Regulation No. PR-13)

**Monument information can be obtained by contacting the cemetery office. Monuments must be paid in full at the time the order is placed and the proof is approved.**

### **Veterans Circle:**

Earl Collier Post # 153 of the American Legion  
410 E Dennis  
Olathe KS 66061  
913.782.0621

- Individuals wanting to be buried in this plot must contact the Post and verify they have an honorable discharge from the military. The interment space is free but families must pay for grave opening, closing and foundation work involved in setting of government-issued markers. Spaces are for IMMEDIATE need only.

Mailing Address: City of Olathe  
ATTN Cemetery Office PO Box 768  
Olathe Kansas 66051-0768  
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