

# RUSSIAN RIVER CEMETERY DISTRICT

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

*The Russian River Cemetery District reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to make changes, additions to, or deletions from these Rules at any time. Any such change shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the Russian River Cemetery District without regard to whether an agency, business or person has received notice of such change.*

### **A. CEMETERY HOURS**

1. Office: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday - Friday
2. Gate: April 1st – September 30<sup>th</sup> 7:00 am – 7:00 pm  
October 1st – March 31<sup>st</sup> 7:00 am – 5:00 pm

Vehicles are not allowed in the Cemetery after the gate closes.

### **B. ENDOWMENT CARE**

1. The Russian River Cemetery is operated as an endowment care cemetery in conformity with the California Health & Safety Code. The income from the fund is used only for the care and maintenance of the Cemetery. These funds do not cover the privately purchased memorial monuments and/or markers which are owned and remained controlled by the purchaser.
2. Contributions to the Endowment Care Fund are mandatory pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 9065. Contributions are considered made for “charitable and eleemosynary purposes” (Health & Safety Code section 8736) and, as such, are non-refundable in all circumstances.
3. Contributions to the Endowment Care Fund must be made before any interment will be conducted, even if interment rights and other fees were paid previously.

### **C. BURIALS**

1. The Cemetery will accommodate burials 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday thru Friday. (Summer months 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.)
2. The Cemetery will not accommodate burials on weekends or holidays. The observed holidays for the Russian River Cemetery are:
  - a. New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, the day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

3. Double-depth burials are permitted only in areas where double-depth vaults are already installed.
4. Burials in each full-sized plot are limited to one single casket burial and up to three (3) cremated remains, or four (4) cremated remains. Double-depth plots shall be limited to two (2) casket burials and up to two (2) cremated remains. Cremains (ash) plots are limited to two (2) cremated remains. Full size plots are allowed to have four headstones/markers. Cremains (ash) plots are limited to one stone.

#### **D. PETS**

1. Pets are allowed in the Cemetery and must remain on a leash at all times.
2. The Cemetery is prohibited by law from interring pets in the Cemetery.

#### **E. DECORATIONS & MEMORIALS**

1. All items must be placed within the lines of each individual burial space.
2. Only flowers, flags and up to two solar or battery-powered lights (no glass) are allowed on the lawn graves. These items must be kept in flower cans.
3. In the gravel graves two solar or battery-operated lights (no glass) are permitted on graves. The lights must be placed in the headstone/marker/monument area.
4. No glass or ceramic items, commemorative candles or other burning materials are allowed.
5. No fences, stones, jewels, or other outlining of the grave or encroachment on other graves is allowed.
6. Decorations and memorials (other than allowed grave markers) will not be allowed without the approval of the District.
7. Benches are allowed on gravel graves. Benches may not exceed the grave space and made out of granite, metal or stone. NO wood.
8. Any items or grave decorations placed on graves that do not comply with these rules will be removed by the Cemetery.
9. Fertilizers and chemical sprays are not permitted.
10. The District shall have the authority to remove all floral designs, flowers, trees, shrubs, monuments or any other item when and if it becomes unsightly, detrimental, diseased, dangerous or impeding the maintenance of the Cemetery. The District shall not be liable for floral pieces, baskets, or frames to which such floral pieces are attached. The District shall not be liable for lost, misplaced, or broken flower vases or containers. The District reserves the right to regulate the materials and methods of decorating graves in order to maintain design harmony consistent with the purpose to which the Cemetery is dedicated. No flowers, bushes, trees, or shrubs may be planted anywhere within the Cemetery without the express written consent of the Cemetery Manager.
11. No cluttering. Cemetery staff need to be able to move large equipment.
12. Temporary grave markers will be removed after 90 days.
13. No ornamental decorations of any kind, including flowers, are allowed on or around the niche columbarium in Block G-G.

**Flower cans are available to purchase in the Cemetery Office**