



Town of Parker

Cemetery Policies and Procedures

General Cemetery Rules

For information concerning burials, maintenance, or cemetery records please contact (928)669-9265.

Cemetery hours are from sunrise to sunset.

Town of Parker is not responsible for any damage, removal, theft, or loss of items on cemetery grounds.

Only Town of Parker staff will do installation of headstone.

Planting of flowers, plants, trees, shrubs or foliage; digging of holes or depressions are not permitted.

Glass, bottles, or jars are not permitted at graveside/headstone.

Town of Parker shall remove fresh floral arrangements and decorations from interment/disinterment after three (3) days.

Town of Parker staff performs mowing, trimming, and watering of landscape.

Semi-annually, staff performs cleaning, re-seeding, and/ or fertilizing of the grass areas. Public notification of the dates will be published in local newspapers and on the Town's social media sites, www.townofparkerarizona.com . *It is required that families remove decorations, memorabilia, and artifacts from the gravesite. Any and all remaining items are subject to disposal.*

Overnight camping is not permitted on cemetery grounds.

Be respectful of the cemetery and persons at the cemetery.

Speed limit is 5 MPH.

Leash laws are enforced, and pet owners must pick up after their dogs. Offenders can be cited.

Cemetery is only for human remains.

Town of Parker is not responsible for any special and/or additional funeral arrangements.

General Interment / Disinterment Rules

Interment/ Disinterment Process:

At least forty eight (48) hour notice is required in advance for interment / disinterment.

A document providing the name of the deceased, proposed location of plot, proposed date and time of burial and grave-side services is required at the time of reservation.

Only Town of Parker staff can approve plot location, scheduled date, and time of burial.

Interment or disinterment may take place Monday through Friday. Weekend or holiday burials may be scheduled for additional fees. Only two interments/ disinterment shall be scheduled per day.

Consideration should be acknowledged for seasonal temperatures.

Members of the Colorado River Indian Tribes and spouses receive free burials. CRIT tribal enrollment documentation shall be presented when plot reservation arrangements are made. Marriage documentation shall be presented for spouses when plot reservation arrangements are made. Town staff will photocopy documentation for record keeping purposes.

Honorably discharged veterans and spouses receive free burials. DD214 or VA Card with picture shall be presented when plot reservation arrangements are made. Marriage documentation shall be presented for spouses when plot reservation arrangements are made. Town staff will photocopy documentation for record keeping purposes.

Caskets/ Urns are required for burial. Burial vaults or liners are not required.

Caskets are not to be opened on cemetery property.

Town of Parker reserves the right to restrict committal services to common areas of the cemetery. If Town of Parker staff deems the situation to be unsafe for interment / disinterment, arrangements will be made with funeral home staff present.

Only Town of Parker employees are permitted to open or dig graves.

Cemetery equipment is reserved for Town of Parker staff use. Funeral Directors, mortuary staff, or clergy shall not move, displace, or operate any cemetery equipment.

Town of Parker staff shall backfill the plot with dirt at the conclusion of committal services. Hand shoveling is permitted with prior approval from the Town of Parker. Notification is required at the time of reservation. Backfill will not begin until all attendees have dispersed. *Consideration for Town staff's time is appreciated.*

An Arizona State Disposition-Transit Permit shall be presented to the Town of Parker at the time of interment / disinterment.

Markers/Headstones:

At time of burial, a funeral home or mortuary shall provide a marker at the grave location with the name and date of death of the deceased.

Headstone size is not to exceed 44 inches wide by 18 inches long.

Cement border shall be a 4 inch border with 2 flower holders.

Headstone and border installation arrangements shall be made with Town of Parker staff. Headstone installation fees are due at the time of arrangements. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Only Town of Parker staff is permitted to install headstone and/or cement borders. Only approved headstones will be installed.

Upright or angled headstones are not permitted. Exceptions may be made in Garden of Hope and/ or Garden of Eternal Rest.

Town of Parker is not responsible for procuring grave markers, headstones, and/or monuments.

Plot Reservations:

Plot reservations can be made during regular business hours at the Town of Parker.

Each plot is limited to one casket and/or up to 8 urns.

Payment for the plot is required in full at the time of reservation. Additional fees for interment / disinterment may be paid at the time of reservation but must be paid prior to services rendered.

Plots are reserved on an individual basis with proof of identity and payment. NO EXCEPTIONS

Disclosure:

The Town of Parker hereby expressly reserves the right to adopt additional guidelines, rules, and/or regulations. The Town of Parker expressly reserves the right to amend, alter, or repeal any portion of cemetery guidelines, rules and/or regulations.