

Chapter 8.2

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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Secs. 8.2-1—8.2-20. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. OAKRIDGE II CEMETERY**Sec. 8.2-21. Purpose.**

(a) This article is enacted to establish rules and regulations of the operation of the Oakridge II Cemetery, located on State Road 360.

(b) This article is applicable only to the Oakridge II Cemetery located on State Road 360, in Madison County, Florida.
(Ord. No. 2001-4, § 1, 3-13-01)

Sec. 8.2-22. Purchase of plots.

(a) The conveyance of cemetery plots shall be by "certificate", which shall evidence the perpetual right to bury and inter one human body in the gravesite space in the size intended for interring one human body, or the ashes from cremation of one human body in the size intended for interring the ashes from cremation of one human body, or one pet body in the section designated for pets (herein referred to as "plots"). The form for the certificate is hereby adopted and attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

(b) The mayor and city clerk shall have the right to execute and issue certificates when requested, if all requirements for issuing the same are met.

(c) The city clerk shall maintain a permanent registry of all issued certificates. All certificates shall be recorded in the public records of Madison County, and registered with the city clerk. No transfer or assignment of certificates shall be valid until and unless a written assignment has been recorded in the public records of Madison County and registered with the city clerk.

(d) All funeral directors shall notify the city clerk at least one (1) business day prior to interment. The notification shall include the name of the person to be interred, the plot location, and the date of interment.

(e) The purchase price for certificates for plots shall be set by resolution of the city commission, and shall include a fee for perpetual maintenance and care. The city shall place the perpetual maintenance and care fees in a separately designated account, and use the interest earned there from for the maintenance and care of the cemetery.

(f) No bodies or ashes may be interred unless and until the purchase price for the certificate for the plot, and the perpetual maintenance and care fee therefor, has been paid in full.

(g) It is the intent of the city to develop only one (1) section within the cemetery at a time. Therefore, certificates shall be sold only for plots within a designated area of the cemetery being developed, until certificates for ninety (90) percent of the plots within that area have been sold, or within a previously developed area.

(Ord. No. 2001-4, § 2, 3-13-01; Ord. No. 2003-2, §§ 1, 2, 3-11-03)

Sec. 8.2-23. Use of plots.

(a) All plots are to be used or reserved exclusively for the burial of human remains except in the section designated for pets.

(b) A plot intended for interment of a human body shall be an area five (5) feet wide by ten (10) feet long, and shall be plotted on the master plan of the cemetery.

(c) All plots intended for interment of ashes from cremation of one human body shall be an area two and one-half (2½) feet wide by five (5) feet long, and shall be plotted on the master plan of the cemetery.

(d) All plots (except those for interment of ashes) shall face east and be placed in alignment with those of adjoining plots.

(e) No plants, trees or shrubs may be planted on any plot, except by the city as a part of an approved landscaping plan. The city shall have the right to remove any and all plants, trees and shrubs planted on any plots in violation of these rules.

(Ord. No. 2001-4, § 3, 3-13-01; Ord. No. 2003-2, §§ 3—6, 3-11-03)

Sec. 8.2-24. Vaults and plot markers.

(a) All vaults must be made of metal, concrete, copper, or suitable fiberglass reinforced material and must comply with all standards set by the State of Florida. All caskets must be enclosed within a vault, and all vaults must be buried a minimum of six (6) inches below ground.

(b) Plot markers shall consist of a headstone only, and be no larger than four (4) feet tall, and four (4) feet wide, and one (1) foot deep. No other markers, such as foot stones, copings or corner markers shall be used on any plot. Veteran markers will be allowed provided such are even or below ground level.

(c) All plot markers shall be made entirely of granite, marble, or bronze.

(d) No structures shall be constructed on any plot other than those permitted by this article.

(e) Artificial flowers may be used on plots at head stones or plot markers only. No other use of artificial flowers are permitted. Ceramic, concrete, metal, hard plastic (or other similar material) vases may be used for cut flowers or artificial flowers, if the flowers are changed regularly and well attended. The use of other vases or containers, such as jars, glass vases, tin cans, paper or cardboard, is not permitted. No containers, artificial flowers, wreathes, statutes, or memorial type items shall remain on any plot for more than sixty (60) days, unless incorporated within the headstone.

(f) No plot marker shall contain any material, language or appearance which is of an offensive nature.

(g) The city shall have the right to remove any items constructed on a plot or left on a plot in violation of this article.

(Ord. No. 2001-4, § 4, 3-13-01)

Sec. 8.2-5. Cemetery conduct.

(a) The cemetery will be open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and sunset of each day. No one will be allowed in the cemetery when the cemetery is not open, without the city's permission.

(b) No person shall pick, dig or trim flowers, shrubbery or trees without the city's permission. Defacing, damaging or destroying structures, memorials or other items within the cemetery is not allowed.

(c) No person shall use profane or boisterous language, or act in a disorderly manner within the cemetery. Loitering is not permitted within the cemetery.

(d) Children under the age of twelve years (12) of age are not allowed in the cemetery unless accompanied by an adult.

(e) No recreational activities shall be allowed within the cemetery.

(f) No notices, signs or advertisements of any kind, except those placed and maintained by the city, are allowed within the cemetery.

(g) No food, drink or intoxicants are allowed within the cemetery.

(h) Except for military, law enforcement, or other similar persons on official duty, no person shall possess or discharge a firearm within the cemetery.

(i) No domestic animals are allowed in the cemetery, except those buried in the pet cemetery.

(j) Littering is prohibited within the cemetery.

(k) Any person causing damage to the cemetery, or any parts thereof, shall be responsible for repairing the same.

(Ord. No. 2001-4, § 5, 3-13-01)

Sec. 8.2-26. Traffic regulations.

(a) The speed limit is set at fifteen (15) miles per hour within the cemetery.

(b) Except for interment or installation of monuments, all motor vehicles must remain on the designated roads or parking areas.

(c) Any vehicles parked on a designated road shall be parked in such a manner as to allow other vehicles to pass on the road.

(d) No person shall walk, cross or traverse a plot, unless it is necessary to gain access to another plot.

(Ord. No. 2001-4, § 6, 3-13-01)

Sec. 8.2-27. Pet cemetery.

(a) Domestic pets may be buried only within the section designated by the city for a pet cemetery. No human remains may be buried or interred within the section designated by the city for a pet cemetery.

(b) Lots within the pet cemetery shall be three (3) feet by five (5) feet.

(Ord. No. 2001-4, § 7, 3-13-01)

Secs. 8.2-28—8.2-40. Reserved.

ARTICLE III. OAKRIDGE CEMETERY

Sec. 8.2-41. Purpose.

(a) This article is enacted to establish rules and regulations of the operation of the Oakridge Cemetery, located entirely within the corporate limits of the City of Madison, Madison County, Florida.

(b) This article is applicable only to the Oakridge Cemetery, located entirely within the corporate limits of the City of Madison, Madison County, Florida.

(Ord. No. 2003-14, § 1, 8-12-03)

Sec. 8.2-42. Purchase of plots.

(a) The conveyance of cemetery plots shall be by "certificate", which shall evidence the perpetual right to bury and inter one human body in the gravesite space indicated. The form for the certificate is hereby adopted and attached to Ord. No. 2003-14 as Exhibit "A."

(b) The mayor and city clerk shall have the right to execute and issue certificates when requested, if all requirements for issuing the same are met.

(c) The city clerk shall maintain a permanent registry of all issued certificates. All certificates shall be recorded in the public records of Madison County, and registered with the city clerk. No transfer or assignment of certificates shall be valid until and unless a written assignment has been recorded in the public records of Madison County and registered with the city clerk.

(d) All funeral directors shall notify the city clerk at least one business day prior to interment. The notification shall include the name of the person to be interred, the plot location, and the date of interment.

(e) The purchase price for certificates for plots shall be set by resolution of the city commission, and shall include a fee for perpetual maintenance and care. The city shall place the perpetual maintenance and care fees in a separately designated account, and use the interest earned there from for the maintenance and care of the cemetery.

(f) No bodies may be interred unless and until the purchase price for the certificate for the plot, and the perpetual maintenance and care fee therefor, has been paid in full.

(g) If no certificate is necessary or required for the plot (i.e. Livingston Area), a perpetual maintenance and care fee must be paid prior to interment. Said maintenance and care fee shall be set by resolution of the city commission.

(Ord. No. 2003-14, § 2, 8-12-03)

Editor's note—Exhibit "A" to Ord. No. 2003-14, adopted Aug. 12, 2003, has not been set out herein but is available in the office of the city clerk.

Sec. 8.2-43. Use of plots.

(a) All plots are to be used or reserved exclusively for the burial of human remains.

(b) A plot shall be an area five (5) feet wide by ten (10) feet long or five (5) feet wide by eight (8) feet long, consistent with the cemetery plat for each respective section, and shall be plotted on the master plan of the cemetery.

(c) No plants, trees or shrubs may be planted on any plot, except by the city as a part of an approved landscaping plan. The city shall have the right to remove any and all plants, trees and shrubs planted on any plots in violation of these rules.

(d) All plots shall face east and be placed in alignment with those of adjoining plots.
(Ord. No. 2003-14, § 3, 8-12-03)

Sec. 8.2-44. Vaults and plot markers.

(a) All vaults must be made of metal, concrete, copper, or suitable fiberglass reinforced material and must comply with all standards set by the State of Florida. All caskets must be enclosed within a vault, and all vaults must be buried, such that the top of the vault is a minimum of six (6) inches below ground level or below the natural grade level, as circumstances warrant.

(b) Plot markers shall consist of a headstone only, and be no larger than four (4) feet tall, and four (4) feet wide, and one (1) foot deep. No other markers, such as foot stones, copings or corner markers shall be used on any plot. Veteran markers will be allowed provided such are even or below ground level.

(c) All plot markers shall be made entirely of granite, marble, or bronze.

(d) No structures shall be constructed on any plot other than those permitted by this article.

(e) Artificial flowers may be used on plots at head stones or plot markers only. No other use of artificial flowers are permitted. Ceramic, concrete, metal, hard plastic (or other similar material) vases may be used for cut flowers or artificial flowers, if the flowers are changed

(c) Any vehicles parked on a designated road shall be parked in such a manner as to allow other vehicles to pass on the road.

(d) No person shall walk, cross or traverse a plot, unless it is necessary to gain access to another plot.

(Ord. No. 2003-14, § 6, 8-12-03)

Sec. 8.2-47. Maintenance and repair rights.

The City of Madison and its staff and agents shall have the right to access all portions of Oakridge Cemetery, including without limitation privately owned plots and plots on which certificates have been issued, for the purpose of and to: (a) clean and maintain the same, and (b) repair headstones, grave markers and other structures located thereon and therein which pose a danger to visitors and to property.

(Ord. No. 2012-6, § 1, 11-13-12)

regularly and well attended. The use of other vases or containers, such as jars, glass vases, tin cans, paper or cardboard, is not permitted. No containers, artificial flowers, wreathes, statuettes, or memorial type items shall remain on any plot for more than sixty (60) days, unless incorporated within the headstone.

(f) No plot marker shall contain any material, language or appearance which is of an offensive nature.

(g) The city shall have the right to remove any items constructed on a plot or left on a plot in violation of this article.

(Ord. No. 2003-14, § 4, 8-12-03)

Sec. 8.2-45. Cemetery conduct.

(a) The cemetery will be open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and sunset of each day. No one will be allowed in the cemetery when the cemetery is not open, without the city's permission.

(b) Defacing, damaging or destroying structures, memorials or other items within the cemetery is not allowed.

(c) No person shall use profane or boisterous language, or act in a disorderly manner within the cemetery. Loitering is not permitted within the cemetery.

(d) Children under the age of twelve years (12) of age are not allowed in the cemetery unless accompanied by an adult.

(e) No recreational activities shall be allowed within the cemetery.

(f) No notices, signs or advertisements of any kind, except those placed and maintained by the city, are allowed within the cemetery.

(g) No food, drink or intoxicants are allowed within the cemetery.

(h) Except for military, law enforcement, or other similar persons on official duty, no person shall possess or discharge a firearm within the cemetery.

(i) No domestic animals are allowed in the cemetery.

(j) Littering is prohibited within the cemetery.

(k) Any person causing damage to the cemetery, or any parts thereof, shall be responsible for repairing the same.

(Ord. No. 2003-14, § 5, 8-12-03)

Sec. 8.2-46. Traffic regulations.

(a) The speed limit is set at fifteen (15) miles per hour within the cemetery.

(b) Except for interment or installation of monuments, all motor vehicles must remain on the designated roads or parking areas.