

Marker Regulations

Restrictions

Grave markers, monuments, memorials, and all structures lawfully installed or erected on any cemetery lot or burial plot shall be deemed to be a part of and shall descend with the lot or plot. (Minnesota Statute 525.14) Statute 149A details the process for determining disposition of the body. For this reason, it is important that pre-planning documents dictate the agent of disposition of the body and identify the decision-making regarding marker design.

The design and installation of a marker can be controlled by the “agent in charge of disposition of the body” if documented in a health care directive, POA over health care document or a Will. In the presence of multiple parties interested in the design and placement of a marker, trustees will suggest that disagreements be settled in the courts before authorizing a marker to be placed. Once a marker is installed it cannot be removed except by a legal decision.

Regulations

1. No new or replacement upright monuments will be installed in the cemetery without permission and direction of cemetery trustees. Flat markers cannot be replaced without permission of a cemetery trustee.
2. All new markers must be flat markers installed at ground level.
3. Only a trustee-appointed service provider may install markers.
4. No cement surrounds are allowed. If a cement surround is installed it will be removed at the expense of the descendants.
5. Markers must meet the approved marker measurement for the gravesite.
 - A marker for cremation remains in the Cremation Garden and shall be 17 x 17 inches and only one marker is allowed.
 - A single standard (casket) gravesite could be 17 x 17 inches or 12 x 24 inches. Only two markers are permitted on a single standard gravesite even though the gravesite is used for the cremains of several deceased people.
 - The largest marker size permitted shall be a 12 inch by 30-inch marker placed to span two standard plots. This size marker is not allowed unless two standard gravesites are purchased with the intent of interment of two married people.
6. Date of Death inscription: This service should be arranged by family with service providers at the time of interment.

7. Purchase: Markers are typically purchased through a mortuary or directly from companies selling them. It is advised that marker dimensions be discussed with a trustee or the current installation contractor to ensure proper sizing.
8. Installation: All footstones or markers must be installed within one year of the purchase of the Certificate of the Right to Burial. The current installation contractor is Fred Mecklenberg of Grandview Park Cemetery, 6901 Maloney Avenue, Hopkins MN 55343, Telephone (952) 938-1135, Fax (952) 939-0369

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