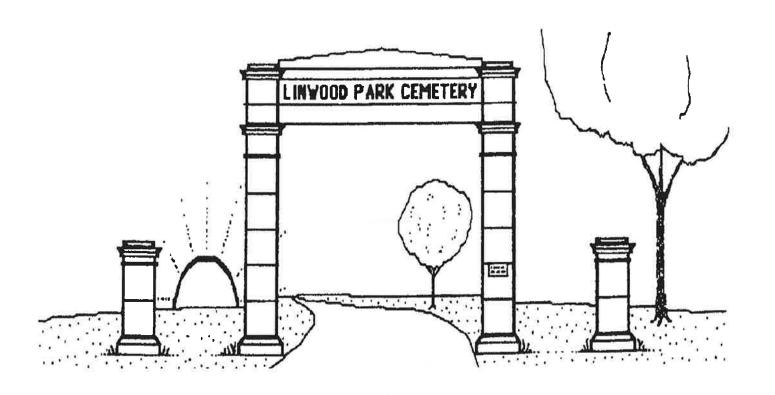
## Linwood Park Cemetery Rules and Regulations



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## LINWOOD PARK CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

- I. No cemetery lot shall be used for any other purpose than that of burial of human remains and no burial will be allowed in any lot until all charges due to LINWOOD PARK CEMETERY (known from here on out as CEMETERY) shall have been paid. Owners of lots shall not allow interment to be made in their lots for any remuneration whatsoever.
- 2. When a burial is requested, notice shall be given to the CEMETERY at the cemetery grounds at least twenty-four hours before the time for the funeral, and forty-eight hours in the winter (Dec Mar.). When a mortician or undertaker orders the location of the grave, no change of location after interment will be made except at the expense of the lot owner. The CEMETERY cannot be held responsible for any mistake occurring from the want of proper instructions as to location of grave on the lot.
- 3. In the event that any lot owners or their heirs desire to sell a cemetery lot or a lot only partially occupied by interments, the owners may sell said lot or the remaining spaces to another party; however, it must be done with the knowledge of the CEMETERY and on a form provided by the CEMETERY. The consideration for such sale shall be the current price for said lot or for the pro-rata price of the remaining grave spaces less the fifty dollars or twenty (20%) of the gross selling price received for each sale for the perpetual card fund. All pursuant to Sections 523I.312 (2) (g) and 532I.807 (1) of the Code of Iowa. Heirs shall be construed to mean the lot owner, there surviving spouse, and if not living, then children if living, and if not living then grandchildren.
- 4. All lots are marked by suitable markers at each corner and set level with the ground and no enclosure of any kind whatsoever will be permitted on lots, except as provided in paragraphs 6 and 7 following.
- 5. No disinterment will be permitted without permission of the CEMETERY and compliance with all requirements of law, nor against the wishes of lot owners.

- 6. No tomb or vault shall be constructed within the limits of the cemetery unless by special permission of the CEMETERY and only in such places and in such manner as they may direct.
- 7. Mausoleum Rules
- a) Lot size requirements: The owner will be required to purchase 2 lots (8 spaces) for a two or three crypt mausoleum and 3 lots (12 spaces) for a four crypt mausoleum.
- b) Placement: The superintendent shall have full discretion as to the placement of a mausoleum in the cemetery. All mausoleums shall be centered on the required land by width.
- c) Building specifications: All mausoleums shall be required to have footings below the frost line. All footings shall be constructed with poured concrete on site. The exact number of footings shall be up to the company erecting the mausoleum.
- d) Disclaimer: The CEMETERY or its governing body shall not be held liable for any claims or actions arising out of the construction, erection or materials of the mausoleum. This includes drainage prior to purchase.
- e) Plan review: All plans are subject to review by the CEMETERY or governing body and subject to their prior approval before construction is commenced. Plans shall be submitted to CEMETERY prior to purchase.
- f) Mausoleum crypt layout: No stacked mausoleums will be allowed as well as end to end crypt arrangements. All mausoleums must have side-by-side crypts.
- g) Utilization of land adjacent to mausoleum: The land adjacent to the mausoleum will be allowed to be used for the burial of ashes or otherwise, with approval of CEMETERY. Flat individual markers may also be used to identify the location and name of the ash remains.

- h) The CEMETERY reserves the right to reject any plan submitted even though these rules are met, if the aesthetics of the mausoleum are not acceptable.
- 8. Chairs, settees, iron or wire work, fences of any kind, head boards, boxes containing artificial flowers, and so-called ornaments on lots are considered injurious to the beauty, dignity, and overall appearance of the cemetery and are therefore forbidden. Staff upright emblem markers and flower holders, whether metal or other material shall not be permitted to be placed at any gravesite or other location within the cemetery grounds.
- 9. Unfilled urns or vases will be permitted to remain on gravesites for 5 days before and 5 days after the observed (Monday holiday) of Memorial Day of each year. After which time cemetery employees will collect and dispose of them. Glass flower containers are prohibited. During the mowing season flowers are allowed only in permanently installed vases and urns. If flowers are not attended to regularly they will be removed. The CEMETERY will not be responsible for anything deposited or growing on lots, that may be damaged, lost or stolen, or any receptacle or monument that may be broken. Amendment per Park Commission action on July 14, 2014 Fall cleanup will commence on the 2nd Monday each year in November. Christmas wreaths may be placed on graves one week prior to Thanksgiving, in the event of accumulating snow prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in November, cleanup will be done at this time. All arrangements will be removed from graves. In addition, all vases will be inverted and placed into bases. Anyone wishing to have arrangements in vases after that date will do so at their own risk. Spring cleanup is the 1st Monday in April at this time, residents with items at the Cemetery should collect these before the cleanup begins. Please follow this rule accordingly. Amendment per Park Commission action on January 14, 2019
- 10. Any lot owner or their heirs may have the right, subject to the approval of the CEMETERY, to permit interments thereon, other than in their immediate family, which permission shall be in writing and deposited with the CEMETERY, but such permission shall not be for money or financial considerations. Immediate family shall be constructed to mean surviving spouse and children, and heirs shall be constructed to meaning surviving spouse of the lot owner, if not living, then children if living, and if not living then grandchildren.

- II. In justice to the interest of all persons, the CEMETERY reserves the right to exclude or remove any structure, object, tree or shrub, upon any lot or lots which it may deem injurious or detrimental to the general appearance of the cemetery grounds.
- 12. Monuments to be erected must be approved by the CEMETERY and no monuments shall be allowed on any lot containing less than 150 square feet, and but one monument shall be permitted on any one lot. Length of monument may be no longer than 60% of width of lots. No monument or headstone and no part of any vault or tombstone above ground shall be constructed of any other material than cut stone or real bronze and no artificial material will be permitted to be used. One-, two-, and three-grave lots shall be permitted to have markers only. Gravestones or markers, except in the West Division and in Section S shall be flat or grass markers, and must be flush with the lay of the ground or twelve inches wide and twenty-four inches long, except for duplicating marker already constructed on the said lot. A single marker for two graves may be up to forty-eight inches long. In Section S and West Division, markers may be eighteen inches in height, fifteen inches in thickness, and two feet in width. All markers shall be made to conform as nearly as possible to the style and color of other monuments or markers already erected upon said lot. Foundations for monuments must be forty-two inches in depth.
- 13. The CEMETERY will not permit monuments or other material or equipment for the erection thereof to be brought into the cemetery unless accompanied by workmen who are equipped to perform the duties in question promptly and without delay; and no person so engaged shall be permitted to attach ropes to trees or shrubs or other monuments or make any litter or leave the same on the grounds any longer than necessary; and if necessary to protect the premises from injury, planks must be laid when heavy materials are to be used and heavy laden vehicles may be prohibited from entering the same when the ground is soft and injury will be done to lots or drives.
- 14. All workmen engaged in the cemetery are subject to the direction of the CEMETERY thereof and in the event that such workmen do not observe the rules and regulations now in effect or such as may be hereafter adopted, they may be forbidden to work within the bounds of said cemetery.

- 15. Soliciting of any kind in the cemetery or advertising in any manner if forever prohibited.
- 16. Funerals whenever reaching the cemetery ground shall be under the charge and direction of the CEMETERY and its employees.
- 17. No interments shall be made in the cemetery except in cement or steel boxes of design and character approved by the CEMETERY and the use of wooden burial cases is prohibited. Interments of cremated remains shall have no restrictions on containment boxes.
- 18. There shall be no interments made in the cemetery on Sunday.
- 19. It is not permissible for anyone to change, alter, add to, erase, or in any way to change the markings on a monument or headstone erected on any lot without the written consent of the person who caused such monument or headstone to be erected.
- 20. In Sections, H, I, and J (known as Memorial Park sections) the erection of monuments is forever forbidden and only the use of sod or grass-level type markers or headstones will be permitted. The same rule applies to Garden Sections I through VIII inclusive, except Second Addition of Section V, in the new south area platted in 1963. This means that the use of urns, artificial flowers in boxes or other devices which serve as monuments are in violation of this rule, which rule has been in effect since these sections were originally platted.
- 21. In Section K, monuments may be erected with a maximum base of twenty-four inches' width. All head markers or headstones must be flush with the lay of the ground and set in sand only. The exception being all government or bronze plaques which must be mounted on granite base.
- 22. In Garden VII, only cremation burials are permitted. All marker stones must be flush with the lay of the ground and set in sand only. Single grave marker stones must be twelve inches wide by twenty-four inches long and double grave marker stones must twelve inches wide by a maximum of forty-two inches long. The exception being all government or bronze plaques which must be mounted on a twelve inches wide by twenty-four inches long granite base.

- 23. Not more than one regular burial with vault will be allowed per grave space, or not more than two ash burials will be permitted per grave space. One ash burial may be made over a regular vault burial only after the regular burial has taken place. Except that in Garden VII only one ash burial will be permitted per gravesite.
- 24. Do not touch anything which does not belong to you. Do not give orders or make complaints to the workmen. Address your concerns to the superintendent.

When you are selecting a family monument, try to secure one as different in design as possible from the monuments on nearby lots. It is desired that every lot owner shall feel free to consult with the CEMETERY at all times.

These rules are subject to change without notice. (Revised March 2001, amended July 2014, amended January 2019)

## **RULES FOR VISITORS**

Visitors are reminded that the cemetery grounds are sacredly devoted to the interment of the dead, and that a strict observance of the decorum which should be observed in such a place will be required.

- 1. Open hours are sunrise to sunset.
- 2. No dogs or horses are allowed on cemetery grounds.
- 3. Decorations are allowed on gravesites for 5 days before and 5 days after the observed (Monday holiday) of Memorial Day each year. After which time cemetery employees will collect and dispose of them. Glass flower containers are prohibited. During the mowing season flowers are allowed only in permanently installed vases and urns. If flowers are not attended to regularly they will be removed. The CEMETERY will not be responsible for anything deposited or growing on lots, that may be damaged, lost or stolen, or any receptacle or monument that may be broken. (See rules and regulations 7 & 8) Amendment per Park Commission action on July 14, 2014.

- 4. Automobiles, trucks, or other vehicles must not be driven at a speed exceeding ten miles an hour. Vehicles must not turn in any of the drives, and care must be observed not to get off the roadways. Snowmobiles and ATV's are prohibited from the cemetery.
- 5. All persons are prohibited from writing upon, defacing, or injuring any monument, marker, or any structure, in or belonging to the cemetery.
- 6. Persons with firearms will not be admitted to the grounds, except when participating at military funerals, Memorial Day Ceremony, and Veteran's Day Ceremony.
- 7. Any person disturbing the quiet and good order of the place by noise, or other improper conduct, will be compelled to leave the grounds.
- 8. All persons are prohibited from injuring any shrub, tree, or plant in any part of the cemetery or picking wild or cultivated flowers.

## HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Linwood Cemetery (now known as "West Division" section) was founded June 9, 1866, and the original plot was purchased from McFarland and Hull. Lots 341 and 372 were platted on July 28, 1880, and added to the original tract and was purchased from Bascomb.

The second addition was added November 18, 1892 and consisted of Lots 1 to 23 along the east line of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway and Lots 24 to 61 south of the original plat and was known as the "Stevens Addition."

On July 25, 1895, a corporation, called "East Linwood Cemetery Association," was formed to establish and develop a cemetery east of the creek and providing for a permanent care fund. The land for the new cemetery was purchased from Goody Koontz, Herman, and Wright.

On July 19, 1912, a new corporation was formed to take over both of the above cemeteries and place the whole under permanent care and this was done and called "Linwood Park Cemetery Association."

A new addition was opened for sale of lots October 1, 1963, located south of the East Linwood section consisting of about twelve acres of land with a wide circular hard surfaced roadway through the section giving access to all lots therein. This new area is divided into VIII Gardens, and is known as Linwood Park Garden Section. Except as to Garden V, Second Addition, the area is a memorial area. Garden V, Second Addition, is on the west side of this area and will be a monument section, the remainder of the area is a memorial section and is governed by the same rules as set out for the Memorial Park Sections H, I, and J in the East Linwood Area. This new area is to be developed with appropriate shrubbery, cedar trees, and other types of trees and plantings.

On July 1, 1992, the cemetery operations were taken over by the City of Boone.

The gateway was presented by Charles Mason in June 1920.

The foundation was presented by S. R. Dyer in September 1921.

The office building was presented by J. H. Riekenberg in May 1939.

So far as the records show, the first burial in Linwood Cemetery was Lydia Lockwood on October 14, 1855, on Lot 21, West Division.

The following gives the date of the first interment in each of the several sections of the east division of Linwood Park Cemetery:

Sec. A Jan. 1897 Sec. B Feb. 1896 Sec. C Sept. 1896 Sec. D Sept. 1904 Sec. E. Sept. 1910 Sec. F Sept. 1920 Sec. G Jan. 1929	Sec. J Dec. 1940 Sec. S Aug. 1914 Sec. T Aug. 1914 Sec. U Apr. 1908 Sec. V Apr. 1908 Sec. W. Nov. 1913 Sec. X Sept. 1905	Gdn. I Sept. 1966 Gdn. IV Mar. 1966 Sec. K Aug. 1991 Gdn. VII Jan. 1998 Columbarium 2013
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The cemetery lot and burial records are all made in duplicate; one set is kept at the cemetery office, in charge of the superintendent, the other at the office of the Boone City Clerk.