

ORDINANCE NO. 687

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION, GOVERNMENT AND CONTROL OF THE TOWN CEMETERY AND FIXING FEES AND CHARGES FOR GRAVES AND ALL WORK DONE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ODESSA, LINCOLN COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

SECTION 1. Unless prior arrangements are made, all fees and charges provided herein shall be paid in advance.

SECTION 2. Beginning June 1, 2017 per resolution 2017-04, the cemetery charges for the Town of Odessa, Washington shall be as follows:

CEMETERY LOT

Lot.....	\$600.00
Opening /Closing Regular Grave.....	\$450.00
Extra charge to be added to regular size grave for opening/closing charges for overtime and weekend service when required.....	\$650.00
Opening / Closing Baby Size Grave.....	\$150.00
Opening /Closing Cremation Grave.....	\$225.00
Extra charge to be added to Baby Size or Cremation Grave for opening/closing for overtime and weekend service when required.....	\$200.00

COLUMBARIUM NICHE

First Urn Placement.....	\$500.00
Second Urn Placement.....	\$250.00
Opening / Closing Columbarium Niche.....	\$50.00
Extra Charge to be added to columbarium niche opening / closing for overtime and weekend service when required.....	\$100.00

SECTION 3. Fences, posts and chains and all structures about lots, blocks or graves are prohibited and if any inscription, monument effigy, or structure which the Cemetery Superintendent and/or the Town Council deems improper or offensive be placed upon any lot or grave, the same shall be removed upon order of said Cemetery Superintendent with the approval of the Mayor.

For the purpose of protecting the cemetery maintenance equipment; each year from April 1st through October 31st, with the exception of the week before and the week after Memorial Day, only fresh flowers will be allowed to be placed on cemetery lots or graves. Any other structures, decorations, etc., will be removed and placed behind the Chapel for owner pick up. Flowers will be disposed of as they become unsightly and vases will be placed behind the Chapel for owner pick up. The Town of Odessa is not responsible for any lost or damaged items.

SECTION 4. Persons with dogs or firearms shall not be permitted to enter the grounds except that this shall not apply to the use of firearms in any military services. Rapid driving within the cemetery is prohibited.

SECTION 5. Application for interment shall be made with the Cemetery Superintendent or City Clerk at least two (2) days in advance of the burial. A burial permit must in all cases be filed with the City Clerk within five (5) working days following the burial.

SECTION 6. Interment or disinterment or removals will not be allowed on Sundays or legal holidays, nor on Saturday except in case of an emergency. The funeral services must be concluded by 12 noon on Saturday.

SECTION 7. The charges for exhuming bodies will be a minimum of \$200.00 or such greater charge as shall be reasonable in view of the services required to be rendered in the particular case to be determined by the Cemetery Superintendent.

SECTION 8. All interments except cremations must be made in cement liners, cement vaults, steel vaults, or other vaults which meet state guidelines.

SECTION 9. No tombs shall be erected on top of the ground.

SECTION 10. Foundations for all monuments shall be built under the supervision of the Cemetery Superintendent, at the expense of the person making arrangements for the monument. A fifteen (15) day notice must be given in advance of such construction. All foundations must be eight (8) inches larger all around than the base of the monument and said foundation must be flush with ground level. The charge of installing the foundation shall be determined by the installer.

SECTION 11. All new monuments installed after July 1, 1985, in any section of the Odessa Cemetery shall be flush with the ground.

SECTION 12. Planting of trees, flowers, or shrubs in the cemetery shall not be allowed except with Council approval.

SECTION 13. Cement markers will be placed on each lot or block unless another type marker which meets the approval of the Cemetery Superintendent and/or Town Council is placed on said grave within one year after burial.

SECTION 14. The following burials will be allowed in one burial lot:

- a) No more than one (1) vault burial in one cemetery lot.
- b) No more than ashes from two (2) cremations shall be buried in any one cemetery lot. In this case only one monument will be allowed unless written

- approval is given by the Cemetery Superintendent and location of the second monument is under the supervision of the Cemetery Superintendent
- c) Ashes from one cremation shall be allowed to be buried on top of one vault burial. In this case only one monument will be allowed unless written approval is given by the Cemetery Superintendent and location of the second monument is under the supervision of the Cemetery Superintendent.

SECTION 15. The Odessa Town Council is hereby permitted to amend and adopt changes to Ordinance No. 687 by resolution.

SECTION 16. Any and all ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 17. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication.

PASSED BY THE ODESSA TOWN COUNCIL THIS 13th DAY OF November, 2017.

Lois Hubbard, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gail Kiesz, Clerk-Treasurer

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