

CEMETERY ORDINANCE 510

ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF BURIAL PLOTS IN THE CITY'S CEMETERIES IN THE CITY OF COLLINS, MISSISSIPPI

WHEREAS, came on for consideration at this regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Collins, Mississippi, the matter of adopting Ordinance 510 an Ordinance of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Collins, Mississippi, an Ordinance Adopting regulating the use of Burial Plots in the City's Cemeteries in the City of Collins, Mississippi;

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Collins, Mississippi, adopt the following Ordinance, to-wit:

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Collins, Mississippi, deems it necessary in order to promote the health and general welfare and to provide reasonable regulations governing the City owned cemeteries;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF COLLINS, MISSISSIPPI:

Interment Rights shall be used for no other purpose other than the burial of the remains or cremains of a deceased human being.

Only one interment will be made in each grave space, including the burial of cremated remains.

All graves shall be filled in so that there shall be no less than 18 inches of compacted dirt on top of the vault or on top of the casket if no vault is used. (The normal turf line will be considered the top of the grave, not mounded dirt. All excess dirt shall be removed and or leveled within thirty (30) Days).

Only Grave Markers and Grass Markers will be allowed to be installed within the grave space. No coping, ledgers (grave slabs), rock chips, fences, or other items will be allowed.

Grave Markers should be contained within the grave space and not encroach on another grave, unless the adjoining grave is that of a family member that will share Companion Marker, Double Marker, or Family Marker.

The purchaser shall be responsible for purchasing cornerstone grave markers. Two (2) cornerstone grave markers shall be purchased for one burial plot and four (4) cornerstone grave markers for more than one burial plots.

All Grave Markers will be made of Granite, Marble, or Bronze, or a combination of these materials.

When purchasing a headstone for a burial plot the purchaser shall contact City Hall (601-765-4491) to make arrangements for the headstone to be placed at the burial plot.

Decorations and or Floral Displays must be in a vase attached to the grave marker or of a saddle type that rests without anchorage on the grave marker.

Funeral Floral Arrangements must be removed within seven (7) days of the interment. If floral arrangements are not removed by the purchaser, the city will remove and dispose of the floral arrangements.

No trees or plants are allowed to be installed.

No activity will be allowed in the cemetery that would disturb the peace and tranquility of the cemetery environment.

The maintenance of burial plots shall be the responsibility of the purchaser of said burial plots at their sole expense. In the event the city determines that said burial plots are not being properly maintained, then in such event the governing authorities of the city may assume the maintenance of any such burial plots without any liability for any damages to any grave marker, monument and/or burial plot resulting during such maintenance and the owner and/or owners of said burial plots shall not hold the city responsible for any such damages to any grave marker, monument and/or burial plot.

The hereinabove described conditions and restrictions shall be included in the body of each conveyance of cemetery plots. The City Clerk shall retain the original of the deed from the City conveying cemetery plots and shall record the deed in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Covington County, Mississippi, to be mailed to the purchaser of the cemetery plot after the original deed is returned from the Chancery Clerk to the City Clerk. The purchaser shall be responsible for prepaying the recording fee charged by the Chancery Clerk.

That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring the same.

That this Ordinance be published one time as required by statute.

The above Ordinance was reduced to writing, read and considered paragraph by paragraph, and section by section and then as a whole at this regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on August 3, 2021, whereupon, **Alderman Buffington** made a motion which was seconded by **Alderman Thompson** to adopt the Ordinance, was submitted for a vote of all Aldermen present and voting and the following vote was recorded, to-wit:

VOTING AYE: Alderman Magee
Alderman Thompson
Alderman Buffington
Alderman Shoemake
Alderman Lundy

WHEREUPON, the said resolution having received the majority vote of all Alderman present and voting the Mayor declared the resolution duly enacted on this the **3rd Day of August 2021**.

Hope Magee Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:
Suzette Davis
CITY CLERK