

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HASKELL, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING TITLE 11, CHAPTER 11.08, SECTIONS 11.08.020 AND 11.08.130 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF HASKELL, OKLAHOMA, RELATED TO CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF HASKELL, OKLAHOMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 11.08.120. That Section 11.08.120, entitled "Supervision of Space/Lot Planting and Improvements", in Chapter 11.08, entitled "Rules and Regulations", of Title 11, entitled "Cemetery", of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Haskell, Oklahoma, shall be amended to recite in its entirety as follows:

11.08.120 Supervision of Space/Lot Planting and Improvements.

All improvements to cemetery spaces/lots shall be done with the approval of the cemetery board or the Board of Trustees or their duly-authorized representative as the case may be. Trees, shrubs, foliage or plants of any type shall not be placed, located or planted upon grave sites except as permitted in Section 11.08.130. If any tree, shrub or plant existing upon any space/lot, by means of its roots, branches or otherwise, is or becomes detrimental to adjacent spaces/lots or avenues, or if for any reason its removal is deemed necessary, the Board of Trustees shall have the right and it shall be their duty to correct the existing condition. Trees and shrubs which have died or become unsightly shall be removed.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 11.08.130. That Section 11.08.130, entitled "Space/Lot Care", in Chapter 11.08, entitled "Rules and Regulations", of Title 11, entitled "Cemetery", of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Haskell, Oklahoma, shall be amended to recite in its entirety as follows:

11.08.130 **Space/Lot Care.**

The following rules shall be observed in care of cemetery spaces/lots:

A. Copings, fences, structures of wood and hedges, wire, glass containers, tin cans, crockery, earthenware pots, plastic border edging, bricks, solar lights and bark are prohibited.

B. Those structures or enclosures established on any space/lot previous to the adoption of these regulations, which have, in the judgment of the cemetery management become unsightly by reason of age or neglect shall be removed.

C. No elevated mounds shall be built over graves, and no space/lot shall be filled above the grade of surrounding terrain.

D. Cut or artificial flowers are permitted when placed in a vase attached to the monument on a cemetery space/lot. Any planting, decoration, or other object or objects placed on or above a grave or space/lot shall be removed. Decorations, flowers, potted plants, wreaths and other objects are permitted to be placed on or above a grave or space/lot only during the Memorial Day weekend and the week immediately following. The Trustees or Town Administrator have the right to direct the removal of any inappropriate decorations, flowers, potted plants, wreaths or other objects.

E. If any memorail, or any structure whatsoever, or any inscription to be placed on same, shall be determined by the Trustees or Town Administrator to be offensive, they shall have the right and it shall be their duty, to enter upon such space/lot and remove, change or correct the offensive of improper object or objects.

F. Chairs, settees, benches, and vases that have previously been permitted must be properly maintained. Failure to properly maintain such chairs, settees, benches and vases shall be cause for removal. Damaged chairs, settees, benches and vases shall be removed.

G. Rubbish, refuse and unused containers shall not be left on cemetery spaces/lots.

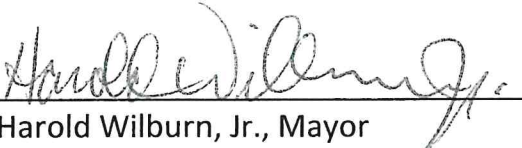
H. No person, firm or corporation may enclose any Town cemetery space/lot in the cemetery by curb, fence post, rails, pipe or any other means in all new and future additions to the Haskell Cemetery.

SECTION 3. REPEALER. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are expressly repealed.

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY. It being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Haskell, Oklahoma, an emergency is hereby declared to exist by reason whereof the Ordinance shall become effective immediately from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by state law.

PASSED and approved by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Haskell, Oklahoma, this 10th day of April, 2017, with the emergency clause being acted upon separately.

TOWN OF HASKELL, OKLAHOMA


Harold Wilburn, Jr., Mayor

Attest:


Judy Simmons, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:


Jeff M. Stephens, Town Attorney