

**TITLE 20**  
**MISCELLANEOUS**

**CHAPTER 1**

**MAPLEVIEW CEMETERY**

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**20-105. Headstones, markers and statues.** A. The purchaser and/or owner of any gravesite is allowed to place headstones, markers and/or statues on such gravesite, provided that any such headstones, markers and/or statues are kept within the dimensions of such individual gravesite. The purchaser and/or owner of each gravesite is required to contact the Mapleview Cemetery Office before placing any headstones, markers and/or statues on any gravesite. A 48 hour notice is required so the gravesite can be marked for proper placement. The Town of Smyrna and/or its agents shall not be held liable for any damage to, and/or any loss, of any such item. Decorative items such as garden stakes, shepherd's hooks, trellises, arches, crosses, boxes, mailboxes, and other such devices can be a safety hazard to visitors and staff. These items can either be placed on the marker or within 6-inches of the marker. To help prevent trip hazards for visitors and staff, all other decorations must be kept on the headstone or the footstone of the grave, not on top of the gravesite (except funeral flowers.). No glass containers for cut flowers or watering purposes shall be permitted on any gravesite as they can be a hazard to visitors and staff. If not properly maintained or within 6-inches of the marker, the Town or its assigns has the right to remove and discard these items.

B. New gravesites shall be subject to cemetery rules as stated in this Title; however, until the gravesite contains a headstone or within 12 months of the interment, whichever occurs first, the gravesite may display decorative items within two (2) feet of the grave head. (Ord. #02-20, July 2002, modified) (Ord. #15-23, December 2015, modified)

**20-106. Flowers, bushes and plants.** To allow visitor access and mowing maintenance, no landscaping can be planted on the gravesites. All holiday, specialty, faded, broken, or deteriorated items will be removed on a schedule set by the Mapleview Cemetery Office. (Ord. #02-20, July 2002, modified) Ord. #15-23, December 2015, modified)

**20-108. Fencing or ornamental outlining.** The placement of fencing on, and/or the ornamental outlining of any type of, any gravesite is prohibited. Ground cover such as stone, mulch, and/or wood chips prevents staff from properly maintaining the cemetery and is not permitted. (Ord. #02-20, July 2002) Ord. #15-23, December 2015, modified)

**20-110. Maintenance of cemetery grounds.** The Town of Smyrna will provide lawn care and periodically remove and discard old flowers. Funeral flowers will be removed from graves within two (2) weeks of the service. To help ensure public safety at the Cemetery, the Town of Smyrna reserves the right to remove any floral designs, flowers, weeds, trees, shrubs, or plants of any kind from the Cemetery as soon as, in the judgment of the Cemetery management, they become diseased, damaged, invasive, overgrown, or if they do not conform to the Cemetery's policies. Additionally, decorations may be removed during the Cemetery's posted clean-up schedule. These schedules are posted at the Mapleview Cemetery, on the Town of Smyrna website, and are available in the Cemetery's office. (Ord. #02-20, July 2002) (Ord. #15-23, December 2015, modified)

**20-112. Benches.** The purchaser and/or owner of any gravesite is allowed to place a single bench on such gravesite, provided that any such bench is kept within the dimensions of such individual gravesite and is made of a material which will not deteriorate or rust. The Town of Smyrna and/or its agents shall not be held liable for any damage to, and/or any loss of, any such bench. To allow visitor access and mowing maintenance, benches must be placed perpendicular to the grave for which it is intended. It must be placed at the head or the foot of the grave, not beside or within the aisles. The bench is limited to the width of the grave (4 feet). (Ord. #02-36, Sept. 2002) (Ord. #15-23, December 2015, modified)

**20-113. Liability.** The Town of Smyrna and the Cemetery is not responsible for theft or damage of any kind to any personal property, including artifacts, personal effects, etc. (Ord. #15-23, December 2015)

**20-114. Prohibited Activities.** The possession or consumption of illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages within the Cemetery is strictly forbidden. (Ord. #15-23, December 2015)

**20-115. Amendments to Rules.** The Cemetery hereby reserves the right, at any time or times, with or without notice to Owners, to adopt new Rules and Regulations, or to amend, alter and/or repeal same at any time. A copy of the Rules and Regulations, and any amendments thereto, shall be made available for inspection upon request at the Cemetery's office. (Ord. #15-23, December 2015)