

**REGULATIONS**  
**MOUNT CALVARY CATHOLIC CEMETERY**  
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In order to facilitate ease of maintenance and preserve an orderly and neat appearance of the Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery-Bryan, Mount Calvary Cemeteries-Smetana and Monsignor Gleissner Memorial Mausoleums (hereinafter referred to as the "Cemetery Properties"), the following regulations have been adopted by the Board of Directors.

1. No curbings, walkways, plantings, entrenchments, benches or any other type of structure are permitted. Other items not permitted include, but are not limited to, borders of any material, rocks, paving stones and benches. No ground mausoleums, ledgers or cradles may be erected.

2. A Monument Approval Permit is required. Contact the above office for the Permit and information. *Permission from the Cemetery is also required to install a monument and to level an existing monument.*

3. Monument Sizes and General information – See *Memo for Monuments* attached.

After one (1) year from date of death, if no monument is placed on the space, then no container or flowers will be allowed until a monument is erected, preferably with a vase or vases for flowers. *Regulation amendments may occur periodically; therefore, monument placement is bound by the Regulations in force at the time of placement.*

4. No items that are not a part of the permanent monument are allowed. Other items not allowed include, but are not limited to, candles, decorations, trinkets, mementos, flower stands, plant hangers, wire, metal, wind chimes, banners, flags, balloons, pinwheels, bird houses, bird baths, fountains, bottles, glass or other breakable items and containers, Styrofoam, paper, ribbons, battery or solar-operated lights, concrete statues, and tree decorations, nor can these items be a part of the flower arrangement. Any loose items will be removed. Items are not stored and cannot be returned.

5. One flower arrangement may be placed at the head of the grave. Artificial and live flowers are permitted, but the Cemetery Board or its representatives shall have the right to remove them when they become unsightly, not properly secured, or an obstruction to maintenance. Containers allowed are sturdy, non-breakable containers (one per headstone) at least 6" above ground to protect flowers from string trimmers and mowers. If the headstone is constructed with its own vase or vases, they are to be used instead of an additional flower container, PVC pipe, or saddle. Vases that are broken will be removed. Seasonal flowers will be removed within two weeks from date of holiday, and flowers from a new gravesite will be removed within one week from date of burial. American flags may be properly placed in vases or containers for commemoration of Memorial Day and Veterans' Day only and will be removed within one week of holiday.

6. No candles or benches of any type may be placed on cemetery property.

7. All graves must be maintained flush with the top of the ground for mowing purposes. The lot owners, contracted lawn company, and volunteers may fill in sunken graves as needed. The owner/family may plant grass at ground level only. The mowing company will maintain the grass at the same height for the entire cemetery. No entrenchments allowed around grave spaces or lots. No water hoses may be left at the cemetery, or they will be removed. No sprinkler systems may be placed in the cemetery.

8. The Cemetery Board will have control of all landscaping, plantings, and/or removal of any plants, bushes, shrubs or trees. No trees, plantings or flower beds of any kind will be allowed.

**9. Cemetery Perpetual Care does not include the purchase, erection, repair or replacement of monuments, headstones, markers, vases, statues, or any other item on cemetery properties. The Cemetery Board and their representatives are not responsible for vandalism, theft or breakage.**

**10. Cemetery and City trash containers on Cemetery Properties are for Cemetery use only—not personal use. Any individual found using these containers for personal use will be liable for prosecution.**

**11. Major violations, such as installation of concrete or other unauthorized monuments, erection of benches, permanent curbing or borders, or raised lots, which are not removed by the record owner, his heir(s) or authorized representative(s) when notified by the Cemetery Office or by “tag notice” will be corrected by the Cemetery Board or its representatives at record owner’s expense, and the expense will be added to the next cemetery transaction requested by record owner, his heir(s) or authorized representative(s).**

**12. Before a grave or crypt is opened or before the erection of a monument, it is the responsibility of the owner, funeral home, gravedigger or monument company to *notify the Cemetery Office and obtain a copy of the current Cemetery Regulations. It is also the owner’s responsibility to notify the Cemetery Office of contact information changes.***

**13. An outer concrete, metal or equivalent container is required for all ground casket interments. No wooden vaults are allowed. An outer container is also required for a cremation burial when it will be stacked with a casket burial on top of the cremation burial. Casket trays are required for all crypt entombments.**

**14. Fees may be set and collected by the Cemetery Board as deemed necessary.**

**15. The Cemetery is opened and closed daily by automated gates. Unauthorized persons will be prosecuted. No loitering, playing, picnicking, littering, drinking, smoking, exercising, biking, bringing pets, playing of music, parking, climbing fences, or any other activities not conducive to respecting Catholic Cemetery Properties will be allowed. The Cemetery Properties are sacred places, consecrated as holy resting grounds so that visitation by others for prayer and sacramentals may be accomplished in an appropriate manner.**

**16. The Cemetery Board or its representatives shall have the right to remove anything and everything, including grandfathered items that have become broken or obstruction to maintenance, that may have been erected or placed on Cemetery Properties that is contrary to these Cemetery Regulations. *The Regulations, Policy, and By-Laws are revised periodically. Any cemetery actions are subject to revisions or amendments.***

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