

## Chapter 6: Vehicles and Traffic Regulation

Vehicles are permitted only on designated roadways. Vehicles shall not be driven through the cemetery at a speed greater than 15 miles per hour. Roadways in the municipal cemeteries are narrow, and drivers are advised that only one-way traffic is possible on most cemetery roadways. Therefore, drivers should be alert and respectful of other drivers and the flow of traffic in the cemetery. No vehicle is to be parked and left with the engine running. It is absolutely prohibited to drive or park any vehicle across or upon any grave, lot, or lawn in the cemetery. Casual visitors to the cemetery who are not members of a funeral procession or party may not intrude upon a funeral party. Any persons or vehicles in close proximity to a funeral service that are not a part of the service should leave at once. Vehicles or equipment should not operate within sight of a funeral service.

### **Vehicle Traffic.**

Authorized vehicles must proceed slowly and quietly within the cemetery. No vehicle may pass a funeral procession going in the same direction. Vehicles are not permitted to back up or turn around on avenues or roads within the cemeteries except at the proper intersections. Vehicles should not be parked with the engine running. Parked vehicles should be locked. The city is not responsible for lost, stolen or missing property.

It is absolutely prohibited to drive any vehicle across or upon any grave, lot, lawn, or park or leave the same thereon. No vehicle is to be parked or left on a road or driveway within a cemetery in such position as to prevent another vehicle from ingress, egress or right of way. No vehicle is to be parked or come to a full stop in front of an open grave unless such vehicle's occupants are attendees of a funeral.

Under no circumstances shall a visitor's vehicle be driven over monuments or markers in the cemetery.

The operators of vehicles must immediately report to the city any damage to trees, shrubbery, turf, signs, coping, lot markers, monuments, utilities, or structures caused by the vehicle in the cemetery.

### **Parking.**

Vehicles shall not park or come to a full stop in front of an open grave unless such vehicles are in attendance at the funeral. Vehicles shall not drive or park on grave sites or in open areas of turf. Only authorized vehicles being used for approved activities are permitted off the roadways. Vehicles must park on the shoulders of the cemetery roadways. Vehicles must not block roadways from other traffic. Engines should not be left idling while vehicles are parked except for authorized maintenance vehicles in which engine power is required for maintenance operations. No parking is permitted on any brick, grass or paved walking paths.

### **Funeral Processions.**

All funeral processions must be accompanied by a Funeral Director with a local business license. The Funeral Director will be held responsible for all vehicles in a funeral procession. All vehicle and traffic regulations must be observed. The Funeral Director must ensure that vehicles are parked properly for a burial service. All funerals upon reaching the entrance of a cemetery owned and or operated by the owner shall be under the supervision of the owner and its employees.

### **Vehicle Size Restrictions.**

Vehicles over 35 feet in length or over 12 feet in height shall not be permitted in the cemetery. Trailers or combination type vehicles shall not be permitted on cemetery property unless approved by the Cemetery Director

### **Permitted Off-Road Activities.**

The following vehicles will be allowed to operate over grave sites and in open areas of turf under the direct supervision of the Cemetery Director or his designee for approved activities, with appropriate turf tires or on pads a minimum 3/4" thick, when the specified activity cannot be reasonably completed from the road shoulder:

1. tractors, riding mowers, spray vehicles, and other equipment used specifically for grounds maintenance activities;
2. trucks, brush chippers, leaf vacuums, and other equipment used for debris removal;
3. operations after severe weather incidents;
4. backhoes, trenchers, and other equipment used for utility installation or maintenance;
5. backhoes and other equipment used for grave opening and closing;
6. trucks and equipment for hauling soil from grave openings;
7. hydraulic lifts, boom trucks, loaders, and other equipment handling monuments;
8. hydraulic lift devices used for dis-interments;
9. personal wheel-chair and other specialized medical equipment to allow access to disabled persons; and
10. other equipment authorized by the Cemetery Director required for cemetery maintenance activities that cannot be reasonably completed from the road shoulders.

Any vehicle damaging property within the cemetery will be banned from the cemetery and the company operating the equipment will be held liable for any damages. No vehicle may drive over any slab, monument, or any other burial lot identification structure located within the cemetery.

The operator of a vehicle used on a turf area must restore any damage to the turf before leaving the area, including the filling of ruts and the removal of any tire tracks or other evidence of vehicles or equipment.

### **Restricted Off-Road Activities.**

Vehicles used for the following operations are strictly prohibited from operating over grave sites or in open areas of turf, unless specifically authorized by the Cemetery Director:

1. hearses, limousines or other vehicles used in funeral processions;
2. vehicles and equipment used for transporting persons or small equipment;
3. trucks and equipment used for placing vaults, tents, chairs, and small monuments weighing 400 pounds or less;
4. trucks used for the removal of flowers, decorations, and regular debris from cemetery lots;
5. tour vehicles, recreational vehicles, busses; and
6. all other vehicles not specifically authorized by the Cemetery Director.