

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-05-14-01

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 4 OF TITLE 5 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF CAMILLA IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 4 OF TITLE 5 ENTITLED “CEMETERIES”; ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF CAMILLA CEMETERY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, The City of Camilla operates and maintains a public cemetery for the use and benefit of the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to allow families to bury the remains of the departed who have been cremated;

WHEREAS, it is necessary and proper to establish rules and regulations for the proper operation of the cemetery; and

WHEREAS, appropriate rules and regulations provide for the appropriate decorum and aesthetics required at the cemetery;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Camilla as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 4 of Title 5 of the City Code of the City of Camilla is repealed in its entirety and a new Chapter 4 of Title 5 is adopted as follows:

“Sec. 5-4-1. In General.

The city clerk or other designated agent of the Mayor and Council, with the leave and approval of the Mayor and Council, shall promulgate and keep on file in the office of the city clerk rules and regulations for the administration of the cemeteries in the city, which rules and regulations may be added to or amended from time to time with leave and approval of the Mayor and Council, and which rules and regulations shall apply to all persons engaged in the business of funeral directors, florists, monument sales and installation, grave preparation, crematory services, and any and all other such activities related to burial and maintenance of burial sites in such cemeteries, and which rules shall have the force of law and a violation of which shall be punishable as provided in Section 1-7.

Sec. 5-4-2. Regulations.

- a. No cemetery lot may be used for any purpose other than the burial of human remains.
- b. The schedule of prices for lots in city owned cemeteries and the charge for recording the deed of such lot shall be set by resolution of the City Council.
- c. No person shall be buried in any cemetery operated by the City unless and until the price for the lot in which such person is to be interned has been paid.
- d. No digging of graves, burials, installation of monuments, or exhumation of bodies shall be done in any city cemetery without first obtaining a permit and approval of the city clerk.
- e. The placement of coping around any purchased cemetery lot shall not be placed outside of the cemetery lot and the maintenance responsibilities of all permitted improvements within the coping area will be made by private individuals associated with the cemetery plot. If coping is used, a solid, level concrete foundation is installed first, and the coping is then placed on top of this foundation, ensuring that the coping pieces remain tightly against each other without any settling or unevenness over time. All coping shall be made of marble or other natural stone. Concrete or wood coping shall not be permitted.
- f. No trees, bushes, or shrubs shall be planted on or around any lot.
- g. A maximum of three (3) burial urns may be buried in any lot.
- h. The construction of a private mausoleum upon private cemetery lots shall be done only after obtaining a permit and approval of the city clerk.

Sec. 5-4-3 Vaults.

- a. There shall be no burial of human remains in any city cemetery without the use of a vault.
- b. A minimum of twelve inches (12") ground cover is required above every vault.
- c. The remains of individuals who have been cremated should be placed in a sealed burial urn.

Sec. 5-4-4 Monuments.

a. There shall no burial of any human remains in any city cemetery without placement at the grave site of a slab or head stone bearing the name, year of birth, and the year of death of the deceased.

b. No permanent monument shall be erected on any lot in any city cemetery without cement foundations.

c. Permanent monuments and slabs shall be of marble or other natural stone. Concrete permanent monuments or slabs shall not be permitted. Temporary concrete slabs are allowed for temporary cover but must be removed within twelve (12) months from the date of interment and replaced with topsoil and grass, gravel or a permanent slab made of marble or other natural stone.

d. Temporary grave markers of metal or other composite material shall be allowed for a period of no longer than one year. Wooden markers shall not be permitted.

e. If an individual's remains are to be buried in an urn, the urn should be marked with a permanent marker placed directly above each urn. The marker should consist, at a minimum, of a copper plaque bearing the name, date of birth and date of death of the individual buried in the urn.

Sec. 5-4-5 No cemetery lot shall be conveyed to any third party. Should the owner of any lot wish to sell the lot, it shall be sold back to the City for the same amount originally paid to the City for the purchase of the lot. Also, should the owner of any lot wish to gift the lot to an immediate family member, it must be transferred through action of the Camilla City Council. The definition of immediate family member for the purposes of this lot transfer provision is as follows: wife, husband, mother, father, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, step brother, step sister, son, daughter, stepchildren an in-laws.

Sec. 5-4-6 Vehicles shall be driven only upon the road ways within the cemetery at a rate of speed not in excess of 15 miles per hour. No vehicle shall enter the cemetery except for the purpose of attending funerals or visiting graves, or maintenance of the cemetery.

Sec. 5-4-7 All lots within the City cemetery at any time here and after made shall be subject to and regulated and controlled by the provisions of this ordinance or any future ordinances and any rules adopted by the City.

Sec. 5-4-8 The cemetery shall open each day at sunrise and shall close each day at sunset.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SO ORDAINED, this 11th day of June, 2018.

CITY OF CAMILLA

By: _____
Rufus Davis, Mayor

(SEAL)

Attest: _____
Cheryl Ford, Clerk

First Reading: May 14, 2018
Second Reading: _____