

Santa Teresa Cemetery

912 Buschong Street, Houston, Texas 77039

Phone 281-987-3100 – Fax 281-987-3136

Effective October 19, 2011

Rules and Regulations

Purpose

These Rules and Regulations are designed for the protection of owners of interment rights. They are intended to help prevent the inconsiderate from taking unfair advantage of others. Their enforcement will help you protect your cemetery and preserve its beauty.

“This cemetery is operated as a perpetual care cemetery, which means that a perpetual care fund for its maintenance has been established in conformity with the laws of the State of Texas Banking Commission. Perpetual care means to maintain, repair, and care for the cemetery, including the roads on cemetery property.”

No person shall be permitted to enter or leave the cemetery except by the public gates. **Gate hours are 8:00 AM to dusk seven days a week.** Any person found in the cemetery after dusk will be considered a trespasser. **Automobiles shall not be driven through the cemetery at a greater speed than ten miles per hour, and must never be parked or driven on the grass. Alcoholic beverages are strictly forbidden**

No fences or outlining of any kind are permitted around graves in any section. Flowers are only permitted in cemetery approved vases. No plants will be permitted to be planted anywhere in the cemetery except by cemetery personnel. Solar lighting is permitted only around base of trees and must be approved by cemetery office first.

Written approval of design and authorization by cemetery personnel is required before setting any memorial, monument, grave ledgers, etc on any grave in any section.

A \$.65 cents per square inch fee paid in advance will be charged for setting of any monument by Santa Teresa Cemetery. If additional equipment/handling for setting a marker is needed than an extra service cost will be added. Dealers who install markers themselves will be charged 70% of Santa Teresa Cemetery’s installation fee and must be made payable to Santa Teresa Cemetery prior to the setting of any memorial, monument, marker, etc by any company with proper insurance (workman’s comp, \$ one million in liability insurance).If a marker/monument needs to be removed and reinstalled for any reason, i.e. opening & closing a grave, a minimum \$150.00 fee will be charged.

Nothing is allowed to outline the entire grave space. For example: cement grave ledgers, bricks, curbing, fences of any kind, flowers, etc. Flowers may be placed in cemetery approved vases only. Permanent markers and monuments made of granite and/or bronze and designed/made for cemeteries are the only items allowed in all sections, granite must be at least 4” thick and should only be set at the head end of the grave space. All flat markers must be set at lawn level. **Santa Teresa Cemetery is never responsible for any damage or breakage of any memorial, monuments, grave ledgers, etc. no matter whom or what caused such damage. A concrete outer burial container or better is required on all adult burials.**

Markers must be of granite and/or bronze. Cemetery approved TEMPORARY MARKERS must be of bronze only

Decorations must be tasteful and may not litter the grounds if blown by the wind or rained upon. STC reserves the right at its discretion and for any reason and at any time to remove any decorations it feels are inappropriate, dangerous or that do not conform to its Rules & Regulations. STC cannot be liable for the safety or return of EXPENSIVE OR SENTIMENTAL ITEMS you leave on graves. Families may place Holiday decorations on graves 7 days before these Holidays and must removed no later than 7 days after the actual Holiday: Christmas Day, Easter, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Memorial Day, Valentine’s Day, Veteran’s Day.

Marker/Monument Base Dimensions Must be at least 2" or shorter than grave width size.

Adult: Flat markers must 4” thick and placed level with ground. Upright Monuments must be 4” thick or more, and have ½ inch aluminum pins must be used on all upright monuments excluding slants.

NOTICE REGARDING BURIAL MARKER/MONUMENT

SELLER WILL ORDER THE MARKER OR MONUMENT ON OR BEFORE THE 21st AY AFTER BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS HAVE OCCURRED: 1) THE PURCHASER PAYS THE AMOUNT REQUIRED TO ORDER THE MARKER OR MONUMENT AND ALL AMOUNTS DUE UNDER THE PERPETUAL CARE CEMETERY AGREEMENT INCLUDING CHARGES FOR INTERMENT RIGHTS, THE PLOT OR PLOTS ON WHICH THE MARKER OR MONUMENT IS TO BE SET, AND FEES FOR PERPETUAL CARE AND 2) THE PURCHASER APPROVES THE DESIGN AND LETTERING FOR THE MARKER OR MONUMENT AND SIGNS THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION DIRECTING OR AUTHORIZING THE SELLER TO ORDER THE BURIAL MARKER OR MONUMENT.

SELLER WILL SET THE BURIAL MARKER, ONCE IT HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO THE CEMTERY ON OR BEFORE THE 15TH DAY AFTER ALL OF THE FOLLOWING HAVE OCCURRED: 1) THE PURCHASER INSPECTS AND ACCEPTS THE MARKER; AND 2) THE PURCHASER PAYS TO THE SELLER ALL AMOUNTS DUE UNDER THE CONTRACT FOR THE MARKER, INCLUDING THE AMOUNT DUE FOR THE BASE AND ANY REMAINING AMOUNTS DUE UNDER THE PERPETUAL CARE CEMETERY AGREEMENT INCLUDING CHARGES FOR INTERMENTS RIGHTS, THE PLOT OR PLOTS ON WHICH THE MARKER IS TO BE SET, AND FEES FOR PERPETUAL CARE. HOWEVER, IF THE PURCHASER HAS STIPULATED IN WRITING THAT THE MARKER BE SET LATER THAN REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION. THE SELLER WILL SET THE MARKER AT THE TIME STIPULATED BY THE PURCHASER.

SELLER WILL SET THE BURIAL MONUMENT, ONCE IT HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO THE CEMETERY ON OR BEFORE THE 25TH DAY AFTER ALL OF THE FOLLOWING HAVE OCCURRED: 1) THE PURCHASER INSPECTS AND ACCEPTS THE MONUMENT; AND 2) THE PURCHASER PAYS TO THE SELLER ALL AMOUNTS DUE UNDER THE CONTRACT FOR THE MONUMENT , INCLUDING THE AMOUNT DUE FOR THE FOUNDATION AND ANY REMAINING AMOUNTS DUE UNDER THE PERPETUAL CARE CEMETERY AGREEMENT INCLUDING CHARGES FOR INTERMENT RIGHTS THE PLOT OR PLOTS ON WHICH THE MONUMENT IS TO BE SET AND FEES FOR PERPETUAL CARE. HOWEVER IF THE PURCHASER HAS STIPULATED IN WRITING THAT THE MONUMENT BE SET LATER THAN REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE SELLER WILL SET THE MONUMENT AT THE TIME STIPULATED BY THE PURCHASER.

SELLER WILL NOTIFY THE PURCHASER IN WRITING NO LATER THAN THE 5TH DAY AFTER THE MARKER OR MONUMENTS IS TO BE SET AS STATED ABOVE. IF THE MARKER OR MONUMENT CANNOT BE SET WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD STATED ABOVE DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER OR OTHER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, SELLER WILL INDICATE THE DATE THE MARKER OR MONUMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE SET AND PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF THE DELAY.

The cemetery reserves the right to make an exception to any or all the above rules for any reason it sees fit, but these exceptions shall not constitute in any way or manner grounds for a precedent for changing the rules.

These Rules and Regulations can be changed without notice.

I have read and understand these rules and regulations

Print Name: _____ Sign _____ Date _____

Name of Deceased _____

SECTION _____ LOT _____ SPACE _____