

MURRIETA VALLEY CEMETERY DISTRICT

BURIAL POLICY

The **MURRIETA VALLEY CEMETERY DISTRICT** is a Special District of Riverside County (a Government Agency) and is subject to the State of California Health and Safety Code, a portion of which governs operations of public cemeteries.

In compliance with the California Health & Safety Code § 9060, burial shall be limited to current residents, former residents who purchased plots while residing within District boundaries, those who have family members currently interred in a District cemetery or persons who pay property taxes on property located within the District boundary. Non-residents may apply to the nearest cemetery district for burial if they do not live in a cemetery district and there is no private cemetery within a straight-line radius of 15 miles, in which case a non-resident fee shall apply. The District reserves the right to require a TRA (Tax Rate Area) designation, or other applicable legal document, to verify residency. The District does not provide services or sell plots to those not residing in the District, unless they are eligible non-residents as defined in the California Health and Safety Code § 9061. The Board of Trustees shall determine that the cemetery has adequate space for the foreseeable future.

The Board of Trustees shall determine the price of plots and shall make a replacement plot available if the originally purchased plot is no longer usable. Within two weeks of receipt of full payment, the District Secretary will mail a properly executed deed to the owner of the plot. The owner of a plot shall not resell or transfer any part of, or the whole of his/her plot to any other person without first obtaining the permission of the Board of Trustees. Plots may be bought back by the District for the amount paid at the time of the original sale, or \$100.00, whichever amount is higher. Pursuant to the California Health & Safety Code § 9065, an endowment fee is required for each burial/interment/inurnment. The endowment fee is non-refundable.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Any single-size burial plot may accommodate one (1) casket burial and up to eight (8) additional cremains, or eight (8) cremains only. Any double-depth burial plot may accommodate two (2) casket burials and up to eight (8) additional cremated remains. Only four (4) markers are allowed on any full-size burial plot. Two (2) markers on any cremation plot with four (4) cremains. An Interment Authorization form must be executed by the person legally responsible for the interment rights to any plot or niche.
2. No burial shall be allowed in a plot in which payment has not been received in full. All fees must be paid in full prior to burial. There is a \$25.00 fee for any check returned by the bank. A service which shall be held within 72 hours or less may require a cashier's check for payment.
3. The cemetery must be provided two (2) working days' notice in advance of any burial and one (1) working days' notice for a niche inurnment.

4. If a change is made within twenty-four (24) hours of a scheduled service, a full open and close fee will be charged if a grave has been opened and needs to be closed.
5. Any person attending graveside services is required to leave said premises before closing of the grave can proceed, except immediate family members, who may witness from a safe distance no less than 100 feet. All attendees may witness the lowering of a casket or placement of cremains.
6. All services shall be concluded by 1:00 p.m. with the exception of double-depth burials, which shall be concluded by 11:00 a.m. Due to personnel limitations, the District allows only one (1) burial per day and there is no provision for weekend services.
7. No burial shall be permitted in the cemetery until a properly signed permit for disposition is delivered to the General Manager, District Secretary or District Staff.
8. The District allows only the use of polyurethane vaults.
9. No casket will be open at a graveside service or on cemetery grounds.
10. Only flat markers, laid flush with ground, shall be accepted in the Murrieta Valley Cemetery District. The District shall not be liable for any damage to any marker. Please have your marker company contact the District to confirm marker requirements.
11. In the event of adverse weather conditions in which the duties associated with opening/closing and/or funeral services may be unsafe, burials may be rescheduled.
12. The Board of Trustees, and/or District staff, reserves the right to exclude or remove any headstone, marker, monument or other structure, tree, plant or any object it shall consider in any way objectionable or detrimental to the appearance of the cemetery. ***In ground planting of any kind on the gravesite is strictly prohibited.***
13. Except by order of the Court, no disinterment shall be allowed except on written authority of the plot owner. In the case of a disinterment, all required permits and fees must be executed, paid, and delivered to the General Manager, District Secretary or District Staff.

The aforementioned Burial Policy/ Rules and Regulations is in effect as of August 27, 2013 and is subject to change as deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees.

I have read and understand the above.

Signature

Date

Print Name