

The Following are excerpts from the official Linwood Cemetery Rules and Regulations book, as they relate to cemetery visitors and grave marker adornments.

Chapter 1 General Rules

RULE 1. CEMETERY HOURS. The Cemetery will be open during the summer season from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. and the winter season from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Cemetery Management reserves the right to close the cemetery at any given time, based on: weather conditions, road conditions, visitor safety, etc.

RULE 2. PUBLIC ON CEMETERY GROUNDS. No person shall be allowed in the cemetery when the main gates are closed without first securing permission from the Cemetery Management. Strangers are not allowed to approach the grave during a funeral.

RULE 3. CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE. Children under 18 years of age, unless accompanied and monitored by a legal parent or guardian, are not permitted on cemetery grounds.

RULE 4. ADVERTISING IN CEMETERY. The placing of signs, notices, or advertisements of any kind, peddling, or soliciting, and the sale of any commodity in the cemetery is prohibited.

RULE 5. BUSINESS ACTIVITIES AND ASSEMBLIES. No person shall use cemetery grounds for any business activity. Meetings, gatherings or assemblies of any kind in the cemetery are prohibited except as part of a funeral or memorial service.

RULE 6. BICYCLES OR VEHICLES WITHIN CEMETERY GROUNDS. No bicycles, motorcycles, cars, trucks or other vehicles are permitted within the cemetery grounds, except such as may be in attendance at funerals or on cemetery business.

RULE 7. SPEED LIMITS. All vehicles must obey the posted speed limit of 15 mph.

RULE 8. PARKING. Vehicles are to park on roadways or in designated parking areas. Please do not park on the grass.

RULE 9. CONTROL OF VEHICLES. All vehicles must be kept under complete control at all times. When meeting a funeral procession, they must stop until the procession passes. Vehicles may not pass a funeral procession going in the same direction.

Vehicles must not be left with the engine running and the emergency brakes must be set when the driver is not in his/her seat. Mufflers should not be opened nor the horn sounded within the cemetery.

RULE 10. USE OF CEMETERY ROADS BY VISITORS. Person within the cemeteries shall only use roads, avenues, walkways, and other areas which may be designated for traffic and are not permitted to walk upon or cross lots or lawns, unless it becomes necessary to gain access to one's own lot. The cemetery expressly disclaims liability for any injuries sustained by anyone violating this rule.

RULE 11. TRAVERSING CEMETERY GROUNDS. Walking or driving through the cemetery grounds to property or land outside of the cemetery for the purpose of saving time or distance is prohibited. No person is allowed to walk through open or wooded areas.

RULE 12. PHOTOGRAPHING/INDEXING. Linwood Cemetery is a private property, non-profit cemetery and is not associated with any online cemetery index. Family members are welcome to photograph their loved ones grave and add it to online indexes, as they see fit. However, mass photographing, indexing and adding cemetery records to the internet is strictly prohibited. Anyone caught photographing/indexing the cemetery will be asked to leave the cemetery immediately. Any records he/she has already entered on the internet are requested to be removed. If he or she continues to violate this rule he/she will be ban from the cemetery.

RULE 13. RIGHT OR INGRESS AND EGRESS BY CEMETERY PERSONNEL. Perpetual right of ingress and egress over lots for the purpose of operation and maintenance is reserved.

RULE 14. ANIMALS WITHIN CEMETERY GROUNDS. No domestic animals of any kind shall be allowed within the cemetery grounds. This provision shall not apply to licensed dogs assisting persons with a handicap.

RULE 15. FIREARMS ON CEMETERY GROUNDS. The possession of firearms within the cemetery grounds is forbidden, except that military or other organizations may carry arms for the purpose of firing at funeral services for that member.

RULE 16. PROHIBITED CONDUCT. No person shall engage in any fight, quarrel or disturbance in the cemetery. Profanity is prohibited. No person shall loiter in the cemetery or fail to leave the cemetery after having been directed to do so by any cemetery employee. No person shall interrupt or disturb any funeral or memorial service.

RULE 17. PICKING OF FLOWERS, DEFACING MEMORIALS. Persons visiting the cemetery or attending funerals are strictly forbidden from picking flowers, wild or cultivated, breaking or injuring any trees, shrubs or plants, writing upon, defacing or injuring any memorials, fences or other structures within the cemetery grounds.

RULE 18. PLACING OF OBJECTS ON LOTS. No objects except a permanent grave marker, as provided for under these Rules, shall be placed on any lot, except as permitted in Chapter 2 of these Rules and Regulations. Any object placed on a lot in violation of this Rule will be removed, and no responsibility for their return to the owners will be assumed.

RULE 19. CONSUMPTION OF FOOD, DRINK AND ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES. No person/persons shall picnic on cemetery grounds. No person shall possess or consume alcoholic beverages or illegal substances on cemetery grounds.

RULE 20. RUBBISH. The throwing of rubbish on the roads, sidewalks, or any part of cemetery grounds or in the buildings is prohibited. Receptacles for waste material are located at convenient places. Personal rubbish being brought into the cemetery and dumped into the receptacles is prohibited.

RULE 21. OTHER ACTIVITIES. It is of the utmost importance that there should be strict observance of the proprieties in the cemetery. Hence, all persons within the cemetery should avoid conduct unbecoming to a sacred place. No person shall engage in any of the following activities on cemetery grounds: Excessive noise (Loud or boisterous talking, horseplay, loud music, etc.), playing games (Frisbee, catch, baseball, etc.), hunting, skiing, skateboarding, rollerblading, sledding, snowboarding and snowmobiling, loafing on the grounds or in any of the buildings, consuming alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs, etc.

RULE 22. VANDALISM/THEFT. Linwood Cemetery will not assume responsibility and cannot be held liable for any item placed on a grave site that is stolen or vandalized.

Linwood Cemetery will not assume responsibility for markers/monuments installed in the cemetery. Any damage or vandalism to markers/monuments are the sole responsibility of the property owner.

Linwood Cemetery will not assume responsibility and cannot be held liable for broken cemetery monument vases.

RULE 23. FEES. All fees or charges for services are payable at the Cemetery Office as herein stated and patrons of the Cemetery are requested not to pay any fee or gratuity to any cemetery employee.

RULE 24. PERMISSION FOR WORK AND LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES. Cemetery personnel have the sole responsibility for the care and maintenance of the cemetery grounds. Any request for assistance should be directed to the cemetery office.

No person shall perform any work within the cemetery, except with the permission of and in accordance with the directions of cemetery management. Any person causing damage within the cemetery shall be liable to the cemetery for such damage. Any person performing work in the cemetery without permission shall be liable to the cemetery the cost of restoring the cemetery to the condition that it was in before the work was done.

RULE 25. ACTIVITIES AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND/OR CEMETERY MANAGEMENT. These rules shall not be construed to prohibit activities expressly authorized by the Linwood Cemetery Board of Directors or Cemetery Management.

RULE 24. EXCEPTIONS. Special cases may arise in which the literal enforcement of a rule may impose unnecessary hardship. The cemetery, therefore, reserves the right to make exceptions, suspensions, or modifications of any of these rules and regulations, without notice, when in the judgment of the management such action appears necessary, and such temporary exception, suspension or modification shall in no way be construed as affecting the general application of such Rules and Regulations.

Chapter 2

Decoration Rules

RULE 1. FLOWER PLANTINGS. April 15th – October 1st annual flowers may be planted in front of the marker, the width of the marker, but not to exceed 12-inches from the marker. Flowers may not be planted on the sides or back of the marker.

In Section 5-B Lawn Crypts, flower plantings must be on the North side of the marker.

Cemetery personnel will not be responsible for flowers or plantings that may prohibit necessary grounds care activities.

Flower beds not maintained by the family will be removed.

RULE 1A. PERENNIALS. No perennials are allowed. Examples of perennials include, but are not limited to: peonies, iris, ferns, gladiolas, lily of the valley, hosta, roses, mums, etc.

RULE 2. EDGING. Stone edging is permitted for flower beds in front of markers only. Edging must not exceed the sides of the marker, or more than 12 inches from the front of the marker. Edging that becomes unsightly, exceeds the width of the marker or 12 inches from the front of the marker will be removed. Plastic and wire edging are not permitted and will be removed.

RULE 3. FRESH/PLASTIC/SILK FLOWER BOUQUETS. Bouquets of fresh/plastic/silk flowers may be placed in official monument vase units attached to markers. All floral bouquets will be removed when they become wilted or during cemetery clean-up. No flower bouquets, or decorations may be placed directly on the ground.

RULE 4. WREATHS. Christmas wreaths on easels no taller than 3-feet may be placed during the Christmas Season. Wreaths may be decorated with a bow and pinecones only—no plastic, glass, or paper decorations may be attached to wreaths. Wreaths may not be placed from April 1 – October 10.

RULE 5. GRAVE BLANKETS. During holiday season only. Grave blankets may be decorated with a bow and pinecones only—no plastic, glass or paper decorations may be attached to grave blankets.

RULE 6. FLAGS. American Flags 12" x 18" on a 24" wooden dowel or smaller may be placed in front of the marker.

RULE 7. BRONZE FLAG HOLDERS. Bronze flag holders may be placed on the side of the marker only.

RULE 8. MULCH AND ROCKS. No rock, bark, mulch, glass beads or like material shall be allowed around any memorial, monument, grave marker or bench.

RULE 8. SHRUBS. No shrubs of any kind are allowed including rose bushes, yews, etc.

RULE 9. TREES. Lot owners wishing to have a memorial tree planted must meet with Cemetery Management to discuss the types of trees and locations available for planting. All trees will be planted by Linwood Cemetery personnel. No trees may be planted without permission from cemetery

management. Cemetery Management reserves the right to remove the tree at lot owners expense. (See also Chapter 4 Rule 5)

RULE 10. MAUSOLEUM. Attaching any item to a crypt or niche front is prohibited. This includes porcelain photos and mausoleum vase units.

Placement of any item at the base of the mausoleum building is strictly prohibited. This includes but is not limited to: statues of any kind, porcelain or glass figurines, flower bouquets, vases of flowers, etc. There is an exception to this rule Memorial Day week. Please see below.

Memorial Day week fresh flower arrangements may be placed on the ground at the base of the mausoleum beginning the Wednesday prior to Memorial Day and stay in place until the day after Memorial Day.

Christmas Wreaths on stands, placed by Linwood Cemetery personnel, may be placed around the mausoleum.

Planters. Planters around the mausoleum are planted by Linwood Cemetery personnel. No artificial flowers may be placed in the mausoleum planters.

RULE 11. REMOVAL OF DECORATIONS. Any decoration not in compliance with the rules outlined in this chapter will be removed and no responsibility for their return to the owners will be assumed.

To maintain the dignity of the cemetery commemorative items, balloons, pinwheels, glass items, statues/figurines, solar lights, shepherd hooks, wrought iron decorations, steppingstones, lawn ornaments, wooden decorations, perennials, shrubs, rose bushes, Christmas trees, snowmen, potted plants, shells, stuffed animals, toys, bird houses, celluloid flowers, gazing balls, anything on an easel, and permanent plantings among other items are prohibited.

During cemetery clean up, any item left on grave sites will be removed, and no responsibility for their return to the owners will be assumed. Spring Clean-Up is March 1 – May 1 each year. Fall Clean-Up is October 10 – November 10 each year.

RULE 12. VANDALISM/THEFT. Linwood Cemetery will not assume responsibility and cannot be held liable for any item placed on a grave site that is stolen or vandalized.

Chapter 3

Cemetery Lots

RULE 15. ACTS OF GOD. Cemetery Management will take all reasonable precautions to protect the property rights of lot owners within the Cemetery from loss or damage. The Cemetery disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control, and especially, from damage caused by the elements, an act of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots, or order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral, other than as herein provided.

Chapter 5

Grave Markers And Monuments

RULE 13. VANDALISM OR DAMAGE TO MARKER/MONUMENT. Linwood Cemetery will not assume responsibility for markers/monuments installed in the cemetery. Any damage or vandalism to markers/monuments are the sole responsibility of the property owner. Linwood Cemetery will not assume responsibility and cannot be held liable for broken cemetery monument vases.

Chapter 8

Linwood Cemetery Community Mausoleum/Columbaria

RULE 4. ADORNMENTS. Attaching any item to any crypt/niche front is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: Bronze decorations, porcelain photos, vases, and any other decorations.

RULE 5. FLOWERS/DECORATIONS. Please see Chapter 2 Rule 10 of these Rules and Regulations for full decoration policy.

Chapter 9

Interments

RULE 14. REMOVAL OF FLOWERS, FLAGS, ETC. Flowers from funeral services will be removed 3-5 days after the date of the service, and no responsibility for their return to the owners will be assumed. Linwood cemetery will not assume responsibility for wildlife eating service flowers.