

**Cemetery Information and Regulations**

**Available Lots and Fees**

Although Sunset Hill Cemetery is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it is still an active cemetery. Please be aware that all lots are sold subject to the Cemetery’s beautification plan, and no lot or space can be resold except to the City of Valdosta. Owners of lots shall not allow burials on their lots for a fee.

The various fees for purchasing spaces, opening and closing graves, perpetual care, or other services rendered in connection with Sunset Hill Cemetery are as set forth in the schedule of fees below. Please note that the fees listed are subject to change.

<b>Fee Description</b>	<b>Fee for Residents*</b>	<b>Fee for Non-Residents**</b>
Cost Per Space	\$400.00	\$600.00
Perpetual Care (if not previously paid)	\$200.00	\$300.00
<u>Opening &amp; Closing Costs</u>		
Monday-Friday 9AM-4PM	\$300.00	\$450.00
Saturday 11AM-5PM	\$400.00	\$600.00
Sunday 1PM-5PM	\$400.00	\$600.00
After Hours Fees	\$100 1st hour and an additional \$100 for any part of an hour thereafter	\$150 1st hour and an additional \$150 for any part of an hour thereafter
Oversize Vault	\$100.00 Additional	\$150.00 Additional
Steel Vault	\$50.00 Additional	\$75.00 Additional
Baby Land	\$150.00	\$225.00
Mausoleum Interment	\$100.00	\$150.00
Pauper Interment***	\$100.00	\$150.00
Cremation Interment	\$100.00	\$150.00
Disinterment	\$300.00	\$450.00
<p>*Residents fee applies to persons currently residing within Lowndes County; Non-Residents Fee applies to persons currently residing outside of Lowndes County.  ** Tuesdays and Thursdays only from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.</p>		
<p>NO INTERMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS: New Year's Day, Easter, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.  OPEN GATES HOURS: The front gate is open from 7AM until dusk 365 days a year. Other gates are opened for egress during funerals.</p>		

## **Burial Information**

*The following regulations apply to interments within Sunset Hill Cemetery.*

- Eight (8) hours' daylight notice must be given to the Cemetery Supervisor before interment.
- Interments are not permitted on Christmas Day, Easter, New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, and Independence Day holidays.
- The Cemetery Supervisor may require written permission from the owner(s) of the lot in which interment is to be made before the interment.
- All receptacles for human remains shall be at least 12 inches below grade.
- All interments in perpetual care sections shall be made in approved, permanent type vaults.
- Grave mounds are not allowed. No lot shall be raised above the established grade.
- Burials shall be only with an east-west orientation of the longest dimension of the vault.
- Only the number of burials equal to the number of spaces that were purchased from the City is allowed on a lot. The only exception is the burial of cremated remains or infants (6 months of age or younger) with an at-grade marker.
- Only one body shall be interred in any one grave space, except in cases where a parent and an infant (6 months of age or younger) or two infants are buried at the same time. In such cases, only one memorial is permitted.
- Cremated remains may be buried by family members after approval by Cemetery Supervisor. The scattering of cremated remains within the cemetery is not permitted.
- Upon entering the cemetery, all funeral processions shall be under the control and subject to the direction of the Cemetery Supervisor or his/her designated representative.
- While a funeral or burial is being conducted nearby, all work of any description will cease in that immediate area; trucks and work crews are required to withdraw to a reasonable distance from the location of the funeral service.
- Only cemetery staff or designated persons with the consent of the Cemetery Supervisor are permitted to make disinterments. In addition, disinterments require the written request of the lot owner and the next of kin of the deceased.
- When making interments upon any lot, the cemetery or its representatives may temporarily pass over or erect temporary canopies upon neighboring lots.
- Temporary placement of live flower arrangements or plants is permitted for up to two (2) weeks only.

*The following regulations apply to the design, construction, and installation of grave markers, memorial stones, and other funerary monuments within the Cemetery.*

- To avoid the appearance of congestion, only one grave marker is permitted on any one grave. For family lots, only one central or family monument is permitted. When the central monument is set at the rear of the lot, it shall be at least three inches from the rear lot line.
- Foundations for monuments, markers, mausoleums, tombs, etc., shall be installed by memorial contractors in a manner approved by the Cemetery Supervisor.
- The width of a monument/grave marker and its base shall not exceed seventy percent (70%) of the average width of the lot on a single and companion lot.
- No monument/grave marker, including the base, shall exceed thirty inches (30") in height from the ground. However, in family lots of ten (10) or more spaces, the family marker may be larger.
- The bottom of every monument/grave marker stone shall be dressed or machined to an even, level bed so that it will stand plumb, resting firmly and level on its foundation. All joints on memorials shall be sealed against moisture and with non-staining material.
- All grave markers, monuments, or memorials must be placed at the head of the grave. Foot markers can be used, and are to be installed at the foot of the grave at grass level.
- Lot corner marker posts can be used, and are to be of monumental stone with initials engraved. Corner marker posts must be placed level with grade.
- Nothing other than a grave marker/monument may be placed on a lot. Slabs or copings are permitted in certain sections; contact the Cemetery Supervisor for direction on slab and coping installation.
- Exposed brick or concrete work is not allowed in any section of the cemetery.
- Grave markers constructed of artificial stone, wood, tin, or iron are not permitted except for temporary use not exceeding ninety (90) days.
- Mausoleums or tombs either wholly or partially above ground may be constructed only on lots designated by the Cemetery Supervisor.
- Flower containers must be installed flush to the ground and adjoining to the base of the grave marker or monument. Separate, individual permanent flower containers are not permitted to be placed or installed above ground in lots.

For questions regarding any of these regulations, please contact the Cemetery Supervisor at (229) 333-1815.