

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE SKIDMORE CEMETERIES, SKIDMORE, MISSOURI.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Skidmore, Nodaway County, Missouri as follows:

Section 1. REGULATIONS: Every full lot is 20 feet in length by 12 feet in width and a 4-foot walkway between each lot except for lots 176-184 at the south end of Hillcrest Cemetery.

Section 2. USE: No lot shall be used for any purpose other than as a place for burial of the deceased.

Section 3. FENCE AND CORNERSTONES: Lot owner shall not outline their lot other than cornerstones which shall be no larger than 6 inches square and made of natural quarried stone placed level with the ground surface, nor shall any enclosure of any kind be placed around the grave.

Section 4. TRANSFER OR RESALE OF PLOTS: The City of Skidmore will not buy back any empty, unwanted, or partial plots. It will be up to the owners to resell unwanted plots or parts thereof. Anytime a plot or parts of a plot is resold or transferred, the City Clerk is to be notified so that the records may be updated. Any fees associated with the updating of plots will not be the responsibility of the City of Skidmore.

Section 5. BOARD: The Board of Aldermen shall be in full charge of all rules and regulations made on said cemetery.

Section 6. OPENING: If written orders for interments on lots are demanded by the Board of Aldermen, they must be furnished before the grave is opened.

Section 7. FEES TO BE PAID: No interments will be allowed until a proper contract is entered for the payment of the lots or lots.

Section 8. REFUSAL: The Board of Aldermen is hereby authorized to refuse interment in or erection out of any memorial work on any lot against which there is an unpaid charge due.

Section 9. DEATH OF LOT OWNER: In case of death of the lot owner, it shall be the duty of the heirs or devisees to file with the Board of Aldermen satisfactory proof of the new ownership. This is especially important, as the Board of Aldermen may not allow interments to be made until such proof is furnished. After the death of the lot owner, burial

on such lot may be made on the order of the person to whom such lot is specifically devised by will, or upon of whoever has inherited such lot. Heirship shall follow the laws of descent of the State of Missouri.

Section 10. CARETAKER TO SUPERVISE: All work done in the cemeteries must be done under the supervision of the caretaker(s). Caretakers include the Mayor, Water Superintendent, and the City Clerk. The Board of Aldermen controls the caretakers.

Section 11. CITY MAY ENTER ANY LOT: The City reserves the right to enter upon any lot and change the surface level thereof to conform to the surrounding ground and to do any such work considered necessary by it for the betterment of the cemetery.

Section 12. CARE: The Board of Aldermen reserves the right to hire any person (s) or company to do the grave digging, mowing or maintenance of said cemetery.

Section 13. CARETAKER CONTROLS: The opening and closing of graves is under the control of the caretaker(s).

Section 14. DECORATION OF LOTS: The City strives to ensure all cemeteries are appealing and properly maintained. Due to the difficulty of maintaining around headstones, the City respectfully requests families limit the number of decorations placed. Please do not plant live flowers or bushes around headstones. No lights, Shepherd hooks, or glass containers unless they are attached to the headstone, with the exception of military service markers (rod mounted). Decorations must be removed within 7 days following the respective holiday. Any decorations remaining after this period will be subject to removal and disposal by the city.

Section 15. BURIAL CASES: The use of wood, metal, or concrete burial cases are permitted.

Section 16. DISINTERMENT AND REMOVALS: In case of removal from one plot to another, a written order from both plot owners is necessary as well as approval from all members of the Board of Aldermen.

Section 17. EXECUTION OF DEEDS: Cemetery deeds shall be executed by the Mayor and the City Clerk.

Section 18. DRIVING ON THE GRASS: Anyone that is found driving on the grass at any time except during funeral processions will be assessed a fine. The fines will be \$25 for the first offense, \$50 for the second offense, \$100 for the third offense, and any subsequent offenses thereafter.

Section 19. THE HILLCREST CEMETERY: The Hillcrest Cemetery, located south of Skidmore, shall be maintained by the City of Skidmore and all the existing rules and regulations of this ordinance are applicable to the Hillcrest Cemetery. Fees are \$250 per plot and \$100 per grave marking. Grave marking is to be paid when the cemetery plot is purchased.

Section 20. THE MASONIC CEMETERY: The Masonic Cemetery located in the northwest section of Skidmore, shall be maintained by the City of Skidmore and all the existing rules and regulations of this ordinance are applicable to the Masonic Cemetery. Fees are \$250 per plot and \$100 per grave marking. Grave marking is to be paid when the cemetery plot is purchased.

Section 21. THE SMITH CEMETERY: The Smith Cemetery located northeast of Skidmore, shall be maintained by the City of Skidmore and all the existing rules and regulations of this ordinance are applicable to the Smith Cemetery. Fees are \$250 per plot and \$100 per grave marking. Grave marking is to be paid when the cemetery plot is purchased.

Section 22. MONIES RECEIVED: All money received from the sale of plots, perpetual care from grants or donations, or fines assessed shall be deposited in a special class account (per QuickBooks) crediting the Skidmore Cemetery funds and shall be kept as separate funding from the City's general funds. Fees are \$250 per plot and \$100 per grave marking.

Section 23. This ordinance repeals Ordinance #2023-CEMETERIES and any other ordinance or parts of ordinances that were previously passed for these purposes.

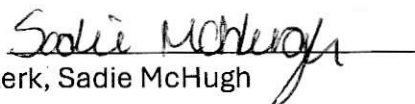
Section 24. This ordinance shall be in full force and take effect immediately following its passage.

Passed and adopted by the Skidmore City Council on this 14 day of November, 2024.

Aye's Steve Day, Tim Slagle, Dennis Gladman, Thomas Wilmes

Nay's None


Mayor, Teresa Carter

Attest: 
City Clerk, Sadie McHugh